PROCEEDINGS OF THE

THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Synod

OF

NEBRASKA,

HELD IN

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
(Rev. M. D. Berg, Pastor),
PONCA, NEB., SEPTEMBER 21-25, 1904.

ALSO THE MINUTES OF THE

TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society

OF THE

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Rev. M. L. KUNKELMAN, Rev. G. W. LIVERS,
Mr. J. J. STEIN.

SPEAKERS FOR 1905.

Wednesday Night.
Synodical Sermon. President SEIBERT.

Thursday Night.
Sabbath Desecration. Rev. JOHN E. HUMMON.

Friday Night.
The Church, Workman, and Capital. Rev. M. F. TROXELL, D. D.

Saturday Night.
Marriage and Divorce. Rev. L. GROH, D. D.

Preparatory Service.

Principal *Alternate.*
Rev. J. S. LEAMER. Rev. T. P. SKOVGARD.

Communion.

Rev. J. L. HAMMOND. Rev. J. W. POOT.

Ordination.

Rev. L. L. LIPE. Rev. N. A. WHITMAN.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

Time—September 20, 1905.
Place—Wilber, Neb.

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Pursuant to adjournment, the Thirty-second Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska met in Salem Lutheran Church at Ponca, Neb., September 21st to 25th, 1904, Rev. M. D. Berg, pastor.

EVENING SERVICE.

WEDNESDAY, 8 O'CLOCK.

The opening sermon was preached by the President, Rev. John F. Seibert. Theme: "Are We Minding Our Business?" Text: Col. i. 28.

Offering, $2.73.

FIRST SESSION.

THURSDAY, 8.30 A. M.

Devotional services were led by Rev. J. L. Hammond.

Synod was opened at 9 o'clock with hymns and prayer.

Roll call and lay delegates received.

Synodical Roll.

	Clerical.	Entered Ministry.	Address.	Lay Delegates.
1	W. F. Eyster, D. D., *a. e.*	1841	Crete, Neb.	
2	J. Zimmerman	1856	Lincoln, Neb.	
3	S. L. Aughey, LL. D., *a. e.*	1858	Spokane, Wash.	
4	J. F. Kuhlman, *a. e.*	1858	Goodland, Kan.	
5	J. G. Groenmiller, *a. e.*	1858	Accident, Md.	
6	B. Sickel, *a. e.*	1862	Marysville, Kan.	
7	L. Groh, D. D.	1863	Omaha, Neb.	M. Stein, *a. e.*
8	J. H. Link, *a. e.*	1865	Denver, Col.	
9	M. L. Kunkelman	1866	Rising City, Neb.	A. Towner.
10	J. L. Hammond	1870	Hardy, Neb.	
11	L. L. Lipe	1871	West Point, Neb.	A. L. Krause, Sec.
12	D. Z. Foulk, *a. e.*	1873	York Springs, Pa.	
13	I. N. Augustine, *a. e.*	1874	Grand Island, Neb.	
14	John W. Poot	1874	Davenport, Neb.	C. Beam, *a. e.*
15	J. W. Breitenbach	1875	South Sioux City, Neb.	L. Dierking.
16	J. W. Kimmel, *a. e.*	1875	Lincoln, Neb.	
17	J. A. Koser	1875	Nebraska City, Neb.	Ralph Weller.
18	J. A. Lowe	1876	Beatrice, Neb.	
19	N. A. Whitman	1877	Tekamah, Neb.	G. A. Crannel.
20	A. T. Ludwig, *a. e.*	1879	Jameson, Mo.	
21	W. Dieffenbach	1880	South Auburn, Neb.	W. V. Stuff, *a. e.*
22	W. G. Gettle, *a. e.*	1880	Steinauer, Neb.	
23	M. L. Melick	1880	Omaha, Neb.	John H. Kuhns, *a. e.*
24	M. F. Troxell, D. D.	1881	Atchison, Kan.	
25	L. M. Kuhns, *a. e.*	1885	Omaha, Neb.	
26	H. J. Hapeman, *a. e.*	1886	Imperial, Cal.	
27	R. A. White	1886	Lincoln, Neb.	J. J. Stein, *a. e.*
28	E. Bollman	1889	Wolbach, Neb.	Alfred Johnson, *a. e.*
29	S. R. Elson, *a. e.*	1889	Omaha, Neb.	
30	J. F. Seibert	1891	North Platte, Neb.	Louis Peterson, *a. e.*
31	W. C. Eckhart, *a. e.*	1891	Dakota City, Neb.	
32	J. S. Leamer	1894	Sidney, Neb.	
33	S. M. Lesher	1894	Dakota City, Neb.	M. G. Leamer.
34	C. J. Kinger	1894	Wayne, Neb.	R. Stambaugh, *a. e.*
35	J. W. Ball	1894	Lincoln, Neb.	F. E. Walt, *a. e.*
36	H. A. Wolfe	1895	McCool Junction, Neb	E. C. Gilliland, *a. e.*
37	M. D. Berg	1896	Ponca, Neb.	W. F. Robinson.
38	G. W. Livers	1899	Benedict, Neb.	
39	John E. Hummon	1901	Omaha, Neb.	L. J. Allen, *a. e.*
40	W. T. Kahse, *a. e.*	1903	Grand Island, Neb.	I. M. Augustine, *a. e.*
41	Thale P. Skovgard, *a. e.*	1903		
42	George F. Scheese	1903	York, Neb.	
43	Charles H. B. Lewis	1904	Wilber, Neb.	
			Yutan, Neb.	J. Bender.

a. e. Absent and excused.

The President's Report was read and referred to Committee on President's Report.

President's Report.

Fathers and Brethren:

After the smoke of battle and the victories and defeats in the King's work during another year, we have come together again to renew old acquaintances, meet our brethren who have recently come among us, sit at Jesus' feet and imbibe more of His Spirit, counsel and plan and legislate that we may become more efficient workmen, and that His Church may more zealously be cared for. God has been good to us the past year. The Church has been at peace. No unseemly feeling has been engendered between the brethren and no eruptions between the pastors and people have occurred. With energy and fidelity, and withal with a spirit of good cheer, the brethren have endeavored to labor in their several pastorates. Let us now attend to hearing some of the results of the sowing and reaping.

My official acts and the more important happenings of the Synod are as follow:

RESIGNATIONS.

January 10th, 1904, Rev. Charles F. Shultz informed me that he had resigned as pastor of Trinity Church at Stella, to take effect March 1st.

February 1st, 1904, Rev. J. A. Clutz, D. D., resigned as President of Midland College after a long term of signally successful service.

March 6th, 1904, Rev. M. F. Rinker wrote he had resigned at Yutan, the same to take effect July 1st.

May 31st, 1904, Rev. T. P. Skovgard resigned the work at Pawnee City.

August 28th, 1904, Rev. G. F. Scheese notified me that he had resigned as pastor of the mission congregation at York, to take effect November 1st.

September 6th, 1904, I received a letter from Rev. J. W. Breitenbach stating that he would end his pastoral labors at Sioux, October 1st.

DISMISSALS.

December 2d, 1903, Rev. J. F. Cressler was dismissed to the Kansas Synod, within which bounds he had accepted a call.

February 3d, 1904, Rev. J. A. Clutz, D. D., was granted a letter to the West Pennsylvania Synod, he having accepted a call at Gettysburg, Pa.

April 15th, 1904, Rev. J. N. Lentz, having taken charge of a congregation in the Central Illinois Synod, was dismissed to that body.

May 24th, 1904, Rev. Charles F. Shultz was given a letter to the Kansas Synod, within which borders he is now pastor.

July 5th, 1904, Rev. M. F. Rinker was dismissed to the Rocky Mountain Synod, where he is engaged in mission work.

CALLS ACCEPTED AND MEMBERS RECEIVED.

October 1st, 1903, Rev. J. W. Breitenbach became pastor of the mission congregation at Sioux, and on October 2d sent me his letter of dismissal from the Synod of Central Illinois.

November 1st, 1903, Rev. N. A. Whitman took charge of the Tekamah pastorate, and, at the same time, placed in my hands his letter from the Iowa Synod.

November 15th, 1903, Rev. Luther L. Lipe became pastor at West Point. April 25th, 1904, Brother Lipe deposited his letter of dismissal from the Synod of Northern Illinois.

December 1st, 1903, Rev. J. L. Hammond accepted a unanimous call to become pastor at Hardy.

February 1st, 1904, Rev. John E. Hummon accepted a call to become pastor of the Kountze Memorial Church, Omaha, and on February 11th forwarded me his letter from the Iowa Synod.

May 15th, 1904, Rev. John W. Poot took charge at Davenport. At the same time I received him by letter from the Synod of Northern Indiana.

June 1st, 1904, Rev. George F. Scheese became pastor of our mission at York.

June 1st, 1904, Rev. Charles H. B. Lewis, a recent graduate of Wittenberg Theological Seminary, took charge at Wilber.

August 29th, 1904, Mr. W. H. Hogrefe informed me that Rev. W. F. Poot, of Minneapolis, Kansas, had accepted a call to Stella, to take effect October 1st.

The German congregation at Hastings, having sent me a copy of the action of the congregation, signed by the proper officers, requesting a dismissal to the German Synod of Nebraska, in compliance with the action of Synod, it was thus dismissed, June 10th, 1904, and has been regularly received by that body.

SUPPLIES AND AD INTERIM LICENSE.

Rev. J. G. Griffith, D. D., who had been serving the York mission as a supply since the last meeting of Synod, relinquished the work May 1st, 1904, after a term of faithful service, during which time the young congregation was considerably strengthened.

Ralph W. Livers, of the Western Theological Seminary, supplied the Pawnee Church from May 23d to September 22d, 1904. At the congregation's request, and upon the recommendation of the Examining Committee, I granted him a license until this meeting of Synod. A desire having been manifested for service at Zion's, near Pawnee, on my recommendation arrangements were made with Brother Livers, who has regularly served there. Brother Livers has sent me a full report of his summer's work. It indicates faithfulness and efficiency.

INSTALLATIONS.

October 11th, 1903, Rev. Jesse W. Ball was installed at Grace, Lincoln, the

Revs. L. P. Ludden, the preceding pastor, and L. Groh, D. D., officiating.

March 20th, 1904, Rev. John E. Hummon was officially inducted into the pastorate of Kountze Memorial, Omaha, Rev. L. P. Ludden delivering the charge to the pastor and the President of Synod addressing the congregation and conducting the installation.

June 19th, 1904, Rev. John W. Poot was installed at Davenport. His son, Rev. W. F. Poot, having been appointed, conducted the rite of installation and delivered the addresses.

June 23d, 1904, Rev. E. Bollman was formally installed at Wolbach, the President and Secretary of Synod officiating.

June 26th, 1904, Rev. George F. Scheese was installed at York, Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., and your President having charge of the services.

VACANCIES.

Synod now has few vacant congregations, and these for the most part have made provision for pastoral care. They are: Stella, Pawnee, Zion's, Pawnee, and Yutan. Stella will have a pastor on the ground next week. Pawnee, which became vacant June 1st because of the continued illness of Rev. T. P. Skovgard, has been regularly supplied by Brother Ralph W. Livers, and, upon his return to the seminary, will be supplied from that institution during the school year. Though not officially informed of Zion's, I hope the arrangements made to supply Zion's Church will be continued. In fact, it is the only practicable arrangement that can be effected.

Yutan.—We have a noble people, though the congregation is small. The contest for the possession of the parsonage has been decided in favor of the German congregation. This is a serious blow for our people. If possible, Synod should do something for this field, either by some rearrangement of charges or by beginning work in some near-by town, else it will be difficult to secure proper support for a permanent pastor.

In addition to the above, South Sioux City and York will soon become vacant.

NEW CONGREGATIONS.

On Easter, 1904, St. Paul's Church, ten miles from Sidney, was organized by the Rev. J. S. Leamer, with twenty-three members. This church will constitute a part of the Sidney pastorate, and applies for admission to Synod.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church of Paxton, through its proper officers, makes application for admission to Synod, a copy of the Constitution accompanying the application. This congregation was organized by and thus far supplied with week-day services, including one or two Sunday services a year, by Rev. John F. Seibert. It numbers about twenty-five communicants. The purpose eventually is to locate another pastor in the valley, opening work in several growing towns in Lincoln County.

CORNER-STONE LAYING AND CHURCH DEDICATION.

The corner-stone of Trinity Church, Wolbach, was laid Sunday, October 4th, 1903, the Rev. L. P. Ludden, as representative of the Board of Home Missions, preaching the sermon and assisting the pastor, Rev. E. Bollman. The completed temple, beautiful for situation and the joy of the community, erected at a cost of over $3,400.00, was dedicated to the service of God, June 19th, 1904. This church, the best in the town, is 32 by 50 feet, with Sunday school, 14 by 28, with tower entrance; is conveniently arranged and splendidly furnished with folding-chairs, altar, pulpit, chandelier, organ, etc., and is heated by a furnace. All indebtedness was provided for before the service of consecration. Those present and assisting the happy pastor and devoted people, by preaching, administration of the Holy Communion, and reception of new members, were Revs. H. L. Yarger, D. D., L. Groh, D. D., L. P. Ludden, and Karl Goede, Traveling Secretary of the German Nebraska Synod.

CHURCH PROPERTY, IMPROVEMENTS, AND DEBTS PAID.

The *Beatrice* congregation re-carpeted their church.

Benedict.—The Bethel congregation papered the church at an expense of $25.00, the Zion's congregation purchased a new organ and hymnals at a cost of $100.00, while the pastorate improved the parsonage at an outlay of $100.00 additional.

Grand Island.—The church having been repaired and beautified last year, the property was further improved during the current year by a permanent cement sidewalk on both sides, and by the parsonage being re-roofed, painted, and papered. The cost was $390.00, and was paid for when completed.

Sidney paid off $150.00 of a $200.00 indebtedness. When the effort was made it was believed the former amount would cover the entire indebtedness, else the whole amount would probably have been raised.

Stella improved the appearance of their house of God by paint, paper, and a new carpet. The cost was $150.00.

Tekamah.—The Grace Church was repaired and beautified at an expense of $500.00, all paid for. The improvements consist of paint, paper, a new roof, iron fence around the cemetery, and new sheds for horses, making this a pretty and comfortable country church.

Ponca.—This congregation during the year paid $200.00 of the $425.00 indebtedness on the parsonage. In addition, improvements were made to the church, consisting of furnace for Sunday school, lighting plant for church, and a new carpet, at a cost of $410.00, while $21.00 was expended for a new communion service.

Lincoln.—Floating indebtedness, amounting to $340.00, has been paid, and new plumbing installed at a cost of $120.00.

Wayne.—This congregation again paid $200.00 on the parsonage indebt-

edness, reducing the entire amount to $200.00, which sum, doubtless, will be paid when due.

York.—This mission purchased chairs, pulpit, organ, carpet, and stove for and put electric lights in the church, upon which they hold a lease. The cost was about $180.00, and was entirely provided for on the day of opening, June 26th, 1904, when Rev. H. L. Yarger, D.D., preached the sermon, and Revs. George W. Livers and H. A. Wolfe, with the President of Synod, assisted the pastor, Rev. George F. Scheese. The Benedict and McCool congregations manifested a commendable spirit in largely attending and assisting in the services and contributing to the improvements made. The pastors of these churches are staunch friends of our York Mission.

Minor improvements were also made to the Auburn and Pawnee churches, and in the latter the debt somewhat reduced. At Grace, Omaha, and Wilber funds have been provided for some repairs to be made this fall.

VISITATION.

During the year your President spent some time in the field, as much as the needs of the work seemed to require and his own work and the Synodical funds would permit. My theory has been that it pays for Synod's officers to exercise a close and constant supervision of the congregations. In addition to being present at a number of installations, I visited Grand Island, York, McCool, Wilber, Auburn, Stella, Pawnee, Steinauer, Davenport, Hastings, Sidney, Lexington, and Gothenburg, preaching, conferring with pastors and church councils, endeavoring to get pastorless churches supplied with regular pulpit ministrations, and looking after our Church interests where we are not established. Upon invitation of the General Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, Rev. A. Stewart Hartman, D. D., we accompanied him from North Platte to Grand Island, discussing the missionary work of our territory, with advantage, we believe, to our Synod.

MISCELLANEOUS.

In accord with the action of Synod taken last year, copies of the Constitutions of the Sioux and Wolbach churches were duly submitted to me. Finding them in harmony with the requirements of Synod, as authorized, I received these congregations and had them regularly enrolled.

Because of the failure of Revs. S. R. Elson and A. T. Ludwig to comply with the rules of Synod, your President was instructed to request these brethren to surrender their ordination papers. Correspondence with them revealed the fact that they had not intentionally ignored the Synod. Rev. Elson having assured me of this, and Rev. Ludwig having written that for some years he had been residing in Jameson, Mo., and hence had received no minutes of and had no communication from Synod. Knowing Synod had no desire to deal harshly with these brethren, I wrote them thus: "I will assume the authority, believing I will thereby be carrying the spirit

of the resolution into effect, of holding the action of Synod in abeyance until the next meeting at Ponca. Should you then be present, or, if absent, send a legitimate excuse, I am sure Synod will be satisfied." At the same time I reminded them of the rule requiring contributions from ministers, without charges to our Synodical treasury. Excuses now have been received and money sent for this convention.

Midland College has had a change of Presidents during the year. Our beloved Rev. J. A. Clutz, D. D., for many years at the head of the institution, during which time it became thoroughly established, resigned the arduous position to resume the regular work of the pastorate. Rev. M. F. Troxell, D. D., was elected his successor, and has entered upon the duties of the office with an enthusiasm and earnestness that betoken success. The recent opening was one of the best in the history of the college. Midland is our college, and the President and those associated with him should never lack our active and vigorous support. I invited President Troxell to deposit his clerical membership with us, since the retiring President had been a member of this body, and Kansas Synod was already well represented in the Atchison institutions. I am pleased to report he has sent his letter, and his name has been put upon our clerical register.

The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, having decided to meet at the same time and place as this Synod, a request was made that one evening be given them for the presentation of their work. Inasmuch as Miss Brewer, home on furlough from the India field, was to be present, I gave them Friday, the evening for the presentation of the Foreign Mission work, our speaker, Rev. J. A. Koser, concurring in the arrangement. I feel sure Synod will sanction this action. If our devoted ladies purpose meeting regularly with us, it might be well for our Calendar Committee to consult with them in arranging the programme. Other Synods manifest their interest in the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society by granting the courtesy of an evening for the public presentation of their work.

The Nachusa Orphans' Home is now permanently established. Directors have been chosen and officers elected, of which Rev. F. M. Troxell, D. D., is President. About a dozen children have already been admitted to the Home, and other applications are pending. Nebraska Synod is invited and urged to elect two Directors to this institution. A copy of the Constitution is among the letters and papers of Synod. We renew our recommendation of last year that we elect representation in the Board of Directors and that we contribute toward the support of the institution.

Synod rejoices, I am sure, over the splendid outcome of our Kountze Memorial Church. Not only has this congregation secured a devoted pastor, one thoroughly loyal to our Lutheran Zion, and for the first time for some years met in full the apportionment to our benevolent work, but it is now engaged in building a magnificent temple to fittingly represent our great Church in a city like Omaha, at a cost when finished of $70,000.00. This is the result of

an advantageous sale of the Harney Street property. The corner-stone of this massive church will be appropriately laid next Lord's day, Rev. M. F. Troxell, D. D., and Rev. F. D. Altman, D. D., participating in the services. With the completion of this edifice, by the blessing of God, and with thorough co-operation and unity between pastor and people, Kountze Memorial Church will be a mighty power for righteousness in that city.

Our good brother, Rev. Thale P. Skovgard, shortly after Synod adjourned last year, became severely afflicted. For months he was in a hospital, and until recently was entirely incapacitated from labor. He has now recovered, and writes he is again anxious to enter the pastorate. Synod has undoubtedly sympathized with our young brother in his long siege, but will be glad to learn he is again ready for active service. In this connection it may be said that, because of the illness of Brother Skovgard, final action was not taken in the disposition of our Steinauer Church. We are loath to sell that or any other property if it can be avoided, and it would seem one Protestant Church should live in Steinauer.

The Synod's ministerial ranks were not broken by death during the year, but the grim monster invaded the home of one of our brethren, the wife of the Rev. M. L. Kunkelman having departed this life. I recommend the appointment of a committee to prepare a suitable memorial.

MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE.

The last issue of the *Lutheran Observer* contained an article, which will doubtless be published also in our other Church papers, by the President of the General Synod, Rev. E. J. Wolf, D.D., LL.D., entitled: "A Suggestion to the Presidents of the District Synods." It was on the subject of *marriage* and *divorce*. In addition to stating the proportion of divorces to marriages in a number of States, which in one State was one to six, and in others almost as many, and telling of the efforts inaugurated by the Inter-Church Conference, consisting of representatives of fourteen denominations, of which the Lutheran is one, to grapple with this monstrous evil that threatens alike the home, the Church, and the State, the article gave the deliverance of our General Synod at Canton in 1893, on this subject. It is: "This Synod understands the divine law as allowing no dissolution of the marriage bond except for the one cause specified, viz., adultery, and consequently as not permitting re-marriage of persons divorced on other grounds, or of the guilty party in the case of legitimate divorce." It also gave the resolution adopted in harmony therewith, which is: "The General Synod places on record its earnest desire that the ministers of the Synod in connection with it should carefully harmonize their practice in the solemnization of marriage with these divine principles and the rules they indicate." This, Dr. Wolf points out, is as far as the General Synod can constitutionally go, since it has no direct control over the clergy, that power belonging to the district bodies. In order, therefore, that this deliverance of our General Synod be made effective, the President

suggests that the Presidents of the District Synods call their attention to the propriety of enacting such legislation, with disciplinary restraints, as will require the ministers to harmonize their practice with the General Synod's avowed principles, quoting the action in this respect already taken by the Synod of California, which is:

"*Resolved*, That the members of this Synod be and are hereby forbidden to officiate at a marriage where either party has a husband or wife living, unless divorce was granted on account of adultery."

The article received the editorial endorsement of this influential paper, and will doubtless be favorably received by the whole Church. Believing we heartily accept this deliverance of our General Synod as harmonizing with the teaching of Christ, and inasmuch as the Nebraska Synod, in 1902, at North Platte, officially endorsed this action of the general body, I recommend the appointment of a committee to formulate such a resolution as will render said deliverance effective within the jurisdiction of the Nebraska Synod.

CONCLUSION.

I now return the trust committed to my keeping. For two years I have endeavored to administer the duties of the office as efficiently as I knew how. No doubt things have been done that should not have been done, and things left undone that should have received attention. But I have not willfully blundered or shirked responsibility. Deeply grateful to you for your confidence in intrusting to me the office of President, and for your sympathy and forbearance in the discharge of the duties thereof, I ask nothing better for my successor than the same good-will and generous co-operation.

I believe larger things are in store for the Nebraska Synod. The Report of the Treasurer should make every member enthusiastic, and from tidings received from the field I believe the other parts of the Parochial Reports will be equally encouraging. With deep humility and with entire dependence upon our God, for it is not by might nor by power, but by His Spirit, let us set ourselves diligently to the business before us, and let naught but brotherly love prevail, that we may leave Ponca determined to make the next the very best year in our Synod's history.

Respectfully submitted, JOHN F. SEIBERT.

The Treasurer's Report was read and referred to the Auditing Committee.

Treasurer's Report.

President and Members of the Synod of Nebraska:

BRETHREN: It gives me great pleasure to submit my second annual report as Treasurer for the year ending September 12th, 1904.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand last report..... $128 00

Received for Home Missions—		
Regular	$599 44	
Children's	148 12	
Synodical Mission Fund	130 18	
Special Offerings	62 10	
		$939 84
Received for Foreign Missions—		
Regular	$422 39	
Children's	44 11	
Support of Students	55 00	
First Seventy	10 00	
		531 50
Received for Church Extension—		
Regular	$447 52	
Children's	63 97	
		511 49
Received for Educational Purposes—		
Board of Education	$286 40	
Ministerial Education	537 16	
Nebraska Synod Professorship	34 00	
Midland College Library	6 73	
		864 29
Received for General Synod		109 38
Received for Nebraska Synod		257 32
Received for Deaconess Board		183 95
Received for Pastors' Fund		143 69
Received for National Lutheran Home		109 65
Received for Orphans' Home		65 32
Received for Penny-a-Day Fund		7 32
Total		$3801 75

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Treasurer of Home Missions	$760 18
Paid Treasurer of Foreign Missions	535 69
Paid Treasurer of Church Extension	514 43
Paid Treasurer of Board of Education	298 55
Paid Treasurer of Deaconess Board	144 59
Paid Treasurer of National Lutheran Home	117 50
Paid Treasurer of Pastors' Fund	154 68
Paid Treasurer of General Synod	112 23
Paid Treasurer of Nachusa Orphanage	63 72
Paid Treasurer of Loysville Orphans' Home	1 60

Paid Treasurer of Midland College		$34 00
Paid Treasurer of Penny-a-Day Fund		7 32
Paid Librarian of Midland College		6 73
Paid Treasurer of Woman's H. and F. M. Society		5 00
Paid from Ministerial Education Fund—		
Oscar Woods	$125 00	
Frederick White	125 00	
		250 00
Paid from Synodical Mission Fund—		
Rev. E. Bollen	$56 00	
Rev. J. F. Seibert	19 18	
Rev. C. J. Ringer	5 97	
Rev. J. A. Koser	4 39	
Rev. R. A. White	4 25	
Rev. J. G. Griffith	4 85	
Rev. R. B. Wolf	10 25	
Rev. T. F. Dornblaser	5 00	
		109 89
Paid from Synodical Treasury—		
Lutheran Publication Society	$201 03	
Rev. John F. Seibert	26 87	
Rev. S. M. Lesher	3 25	
Rev. A. B. Leamer	2 15	
Joseph H. Miller	8 85	
Semi-Weekly Tribune, Stationery	8 00	
		250 15
Cash on hand		435 49
Total		$3801 75

The cash on hand is distributed as follows—	
Ministerial Education	$311 95
Synodical Mission Fund	90 65
Synodical Treasury	27 98
Home Missions	3 00
Foreign Missions	1 56
Deaconess Board	35
Total	$435 49

The tabulated table shows that Sidney J. Wilson paid $95.60 to Ministerial Education, and Otto F. L. Herse paid $5.00 to same. These sums are part

payment on notes given by these gentlemen for money received from Ministerial Education Fund, neither one of whom completed the course at college.

All orders drawn on Synodical Treasury that have been presented are paid in full, and it is greatly to be hoped that before the next meeting of General Synod our apportionment to all objects will have been fully met.

The 184 stubs show the total cash received during the Synodical year to be $3,673.75, which is $1,033.59 more than that of last year at corresponding date.

The 71 numbered vouchers herewith submitted indicate the amount and to whom the money has been paid.

Hastings having withdrawn to the German Nebraska Synod is not considered in the report.

On examination of the tabulated table it will be seen that out of 37 churches 23 either equaled or exceeded their apportionment. The honor for raising the largest per cent. on apportionment falls on Grand Island, which paid 254.3 per cent. Yutan and Ponca also deserve special mention, the former raising 188.8 per cent., the latter 167.7 per cent. It will also be noted that the Synod as a whole raised 98.5 per cent. of her total apportionment, compared with 75.4 per cent. last year.

Both in the total amount given and in the per cent., this breaks all former records in the history of the Synod, for which we should thank God and look for better things.

There were given toward external objects $175.47.

I hereby desire to express my heartfelt gratitude for the courtesies and support extended me by the members of this Synod the past year as its Treasurer.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF MONEYS RECEIVED SINCE SEPTEMBER 12.

From Rev. J. H. Link	$2 00
Rev. J. W. Kimmel	2 00
Rev. I. N. Augustine	2 00
Auburn	6 18
McCool Junction	41 50
Waverly	12 48
Tekamah, Emanuel	17 62
Tekamah, Grace	17 05
	$100 83
Total receipts for the year	$3774 58
Cash now on hand	546 32

Respectfully submitted, JOSEPH H. MILLER,
Treasurer Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska.

Treasurer's Exhibit for

	Home Missions.				Foreign Missions.				Church Extension.
	Regular.	Children's.	Synodical Mission Fund.	Special Objects.	Regular.	Children's.	Support of Students.	First Seventy.	Regular.
Auburn	$12 15				$3 00				$12 15
Beatrice	40 32		$7 20		28 80				28 80
Benedict, Bethel	10 65		1 90		7 60				7 60
Benedict, Zion	26 90		4 83		19 20				19 20
Dakota, Emanuel	2 16	$9 88	3 55		13 47	$3 33			16 36
Dakota, Salem	26 60		4 75		16 59	2 41			1 60
Dakota, Homer	6 16		1 10		4 40				4 40
Davenport	15 00				10 00				5 00
Davenport, St. Paul	4 00		1 00		3 00				3 30
Grand Island	5 13	15 67	18 00		14 87				11 53
Hardy	17 90		3 80		13 80				13 80
Hardy, Jewell	6 72		1 90		4 80				4 80
Lincoln	47 04		8 40		8 60		$25 00		33 60
McCool Junction		16 22			10 57			$10 00	
Nebraska City	24 36		4 35	$3 85	17 40				17 40
North Platte	12 00	29 62	11 45	15 95	20 50	18 50			4 00
Omaha, Grace	6 76	19 00	4 60		5 00				11 40
Omaha, Kountze Memorial	80 08		14 30		57 20				57 20
Omaha, St. Mark	23 00			5 00	16 00		30 00		16 60
Pawnee City	9 52		1 70		6 80				6 80
Ponca	20 18	17 60	7 20	5 00	20 00	9 20			22 80
Rising City		14 28	2 50	5 00	10 00				20 00
Roca		6 20	1 20		4 66				
Sidney	12 50				6 00				6 50
South Sioux City	2 00				1 00				5 50
Stella	24 08		4 30	5 00	17 20				17 20
Surprise	21 22		2 45	11 00	13 73				3 80
Tekamah, Emanuel	11 00				7 80				6 15
Tekamah, Grace	5 00								
Waverly	8 60	5 96		2 00	2 40	8 00			2 36
Wayne	10 75	7 45	4 00		3 00				4 00
West Point	56 56		10 20		40 40				40 40
Wilber	11 48		2 05		8 20				3 30
Wolbach	6 80					1 57			3 30
Wolbach, Ericson		4 35	60		1 30	1 10			2 40
York	3 75	2 00	1 45		1 84				3 35
Yutan	14 23		90		7 95				6 40
Lyons									6 40
Offerings of Synod	5 82				3 95				3 35
Otto F. L. Herse									
Robert Weidensall				5 00					
F. W. Petring				5 00					
J. Sidney Wilson									
Rev. J. F. Kuhlman	2 00		1 00		2 00				1 00
Rev. W. F. Eyster	1 00				1 00				1 00
Rev. Luther M. Kuhns	1 00								1 00
Rev. B. Sickel	1 00								
Rev. W. G. Gettle									
Rev. H. J. Hapeman									
Rev. Luther P. Ludden									
Rev. S. R. Elson									
Rev. J. G. Groenmiller									
Paxton	1 00		1 00						1 00
Rev. A. T. Ludwig									
Rev. Samuel L. Aughey	3 00								
Totals	$599 44	$148 22	$130 28	$60 20	$422 39	$44 11	$55 00	$10 00	$447 32

odical Year.

Regular.	Education. Ministerial Education.	Nebraska Synod Professorship.	Midland College Library.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Deaconess Board.	Pastors' Fund.	National Lutheran Home.	Orphans' Home.	Penny-a-Day Fund.	Totals.	Paid Toward External Objects.	Paid on Apportionment.	Per Cent. Paid on Apportionment.
									$2 72		$30 39	$2 72	$27 67	32.9
	$68 80			$7 20	$12 96	$10 08	$10 08	$7 20			198 72		198 72	300
	7 60			1 90	4 95	2 70	2 70	1 90			54 10		54 10	303.1
	19 60		$2 15	4 80	8 82	6 73	6 75	4 80	2 45		136 78	3 60	133 18	300.3
	8 60		1 08	2 15	8 87	3 01	3 01	2 15			75 02	1 08	73 94	124.6
	19 00		1 00	4 75	8 55	6 65	6 85	4 75			132 90	1 00	131 90	100.1
	4 40			1 10	1 98	1 54	1 54	1 10			30 86		30 86	101.6
	10 00			2 00	9 00	2 00	5 00	5 00	2 00		73 00	2 00	49 4	49.4
					2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00		21 50	1 00	20 50	78.1
	12 00	$4 00	2 00	2 53	10 09	5 00	5 00	5 00	4 25		133 00	10 25	122 75	954.3
	12 80			3 20	5 76	4 48	4 48	3 20			88 32		88 32	300
	4 80			1 20	2 16	1 68	1 68	1 20			33 12		33 12	300
	33 60			8 40	15 12	11 76	11 76	8 40	4 86		236 70	4 86	231 84	300
	14 21		1 50								60 67	11 50	49 17	51.6
	17 40			4 35	7 83	6 09	6 09	4 35			123 91	3 85	120 06	100
	29 00			8 00	16 00	10 00	11 00	7 00	6 00		232 12	21 95	210 87	209.1
					8 32		5 00	4 60			71 67		71 67	36.4
	57 20			14 30	25 74	20 02	20 02	14 30			394 68		394 68	200
		5 00		4 20	7 56		1 24	3 00	5 00	$7 32	129 12	22 32	106 80	92.1
	6 80			1 70	3 06	2 38	2 38	1 70	6 34		53 96	6 34	46 92	100
	13 00	5 00		6 20	8 85	4 48	4 48	3 20	20 54		188 73	20 54	148 19	167.7
	10 00			2 55	4 50	3 50	3 50	2 50			74 33	5 00	69 33	100.4
	4 50			1 10	2 00	1 55	1 55	1 10			30 91		30 91	101
	14 50			3 30	3 50						49 50		49 50	54.3
								1 80	1 75		11 95	1 75	10 20	20.5
	17 20			4 30	7 74	6 02	6 02	4 30			123 68	5 00	118 68	100
	9 80			2 45	4 41	4 00	3 45	2 45	4 00		93 76	15 00	80 76	139.4
									6 60		35 52	6 60	28 92	44.5
											5 00		5 00	8
	8 40	20 00		2 60	6 68						81 38	22 00	59 38	82.7
	11 00				7 30						56 60		56 60	46.3
	40 40			10 10	18 18	14 14	14 14	10 10			278 76		278 76	300
	8 20			2 05	3 69	2 87	2 87	2 05			56 58		56 58	300
	2 25				1 25						15 87		15 87	42.5
	2 40			60	1 17	1 01	84	60	1 76		19 57	1 76	17 81	107.5
	3 50			1 45	2 45						23 39		23 39	32.4
	3 60			90	2 41	1 26	1 26	90	6 05		52 96	6 05	46 91	188.8
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40	$537 16	$34 00	$6 73	$109 38	$257 32	$133 95	$143 69	$100 65	$65 32	$7 32	$3673 75	$173 47	$3398 28	98.5

Election of Officers.

President—Rev. John F. Seibert.
Secretary—Rev. S. M. Lesher.
Statistical Secretary—Rev. C. J. Ringer.
Treasurer—J. H. Miller, M. D.

Report of Committee to Examine Papers in Bank Vault.

Your committee appointed at the last meeting of Synod to make a careful examination of the box containing Synod papers, supposed to be in a bank vault at Omaha, to ascertain if the student's notes were therein, report that the bank authorities say there is no such box in their vault and never was. A few insurance papers were found in the safe of the Kountze Memorial Church, and through the kindness of Mr. W. W. Swain the envelope of the Synod's archives sent to Omaha with the chairman of this committee was also placed in the safe of the Kountze Memorial Church of Omaha.

Respectfully submitted,
M. L. MELICK,
L. GROH,
PAUL W. KUHNS.

Report adopted.

The time for session of Synod was fixed at 9 to 11.30 A. M. and 2 to 5 P. M.

On motion, the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society Convention was cordially and formally invited to unite with us in our devotional services. Rev. J. A. Lowe was appointed to extend the invitation and bear greetings of the Synod to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society Convention.

Synod adjourned with prayer at 10.50, to meet at 2 P. M.

SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, 2 P. M.

Synod was opened with prayer.

The minutes were read and approved.

List of Committees.

The following committees were appointed by the President:

1. *President's Report*—Rev. J. W. Ball, Rev. W. Diffenbach, and Mr. W. F. Robinson.

2. *Auditing Committee*—Rev. John E. Hummon, Mr. M. G. Leamer, and Mr. G. A. Crannel.

3. *North Platte Conference*—Rev. G. W. Livers, Mr. J. Bender, and Rev. J. Zimmerman.

4. *South Platte Conference*—Rev. E. Bollman, Rev. N. A. Whitman, and Mr. Louis Dierking.

5. *State of Religion*—Rev. C. J. Ringer, Rev. M. L. Kunkelman, and Mr. John H. Kuhns.

6. *Obituary Committee*—Rev. L. Groh, D. D., Rev. J. A. Koser, and Rev. J. W. Poot.

7. *Excuses*—Rev. R. A. White, Mr. A. Towner, and Mr. E. C. Gilliland.

8. *Leave of Absence*—Rev. J. L. Hammond, Rev. J. W. Breitenbach, and Mr. Louis Peterson.

9. *Resolutions*—Rev. J. S. Leamer, Rev. John W. Poot, and Rev. L. Groh, D. D.

10. *Apportionment*—Rev. M. L. Melick, Mr. M. G. Leamer, and J. H. Miller, M. D.

11. *Vacancies*—Rev. J. A. Koser, Rev. L. P. Ludden, and Mr. I. M. Augustine.

12. *Calendar*—Rev. L. L. Lipe, Rev. L. Groh, D. D., and Rev. J. W. Breitenbach.

13. *Letters and Papers*—Rev. J. A. Lowe, Rev. H. A. Wolfe, and Rev. C. J. Ringer.

14. *Minutes for Next Year*—Rev. M. L. Kunkelman, Mr. J. J. Stein, and Rev. G. W. Livers.

15. *Sunday Services*—Rev. M. D. Berg, Rev. J. F. Seibert, and Rev. S. M. Lesher.

On motion, the following reporters were appointed by the President:

Lutheran Observer—Rev. M. D. Berg.
Lutheran World—Rev. J. S. Leamer.
Lutheran Evangelist—Rev. E. Bollman.
Omaha Dailies—Rev. J. E. Hummon.
Sioux City Dailies—Rev. J. A. Koser.
Lincoln Dailies—Rev. J. W. Ball.
Local Papers—Rev. G. W. Livers.

On motion, Rev. Charles H. B. Lewis was accorded the privileges of Synod and his name recorded as the pastor of the Wilber congregation.

It was moved and carried that the Secretary of Synod be allowed $15.00 annually for his work until changed by action of Synod.

On motion, Synod adjourned with prayer at 2.50 P. M., to convene at 4 P. M.

Synod was called to order by the President at 4 P. M.

Report of Committee on President's Report.

The paper placed in the hands of your committee is the Report of the President. We find that the following items require the attention of Synod:

1. The conditional communications addressed to Rev. S. R. Elson and Rev. A. T. Ludwig, we recommend that the action of the President be approved.

2. The arrangement for joint session of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society and the Synod, we recommend that the session thus arranged for be approved.

3. We rejoice in the establishment of the new Orphans' Home at Nachusa, Ill., and advise that representatives be elected to its Board of Directors.

4. We recommend that a committee be appointed to draft suitable resolutions on the death of Mrs. M. L. Kunkelman.

5. Upon the subject of marriage and divorce, we recommend that a committee be appointed by this Synod to formulate suitable action in accordance with the President's suggestion to report at this convention of Synod.

The report as a whole has been prepared with great care and shows faithfulness and efficiency on the part of our President.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. BALL,
W. DIEFFENBACH,
W. F. ROBINSON.

Report considered item by item and adopted as a whole.

Report of Auditing Committee.

The committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's books beg leave to submit the following report:

We have examined the Treasurer's records and find them correct.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN E. HUMMON,
M. G. LEAMER,
G. A. CRANNELL.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on South Platte Conference.

Your Committee on South Platte Conference report that we have examined the minutes of said conference and find they held two sessions, one at McCool Junction, November 3d to 5th, 1903, and the other at Hardy, May 24th to 26th, 1904. Both sessions were full of interest but poorly attended.

In minutes of conference held at McCool Junction, Revs. W. Dieffenbach, T. P. Skovgard, and M. L. Kunkelman, on motion of conference, are asked to comply with the Constitution and render their excuses; also Revs. J. Zimmerman, B. Sickel, and J. W. Kimmel for absence from the Hardy Conference without excuse.

Your committee recommends that these brethren be required to give excuse to Synod according to Constitution.

Respectfully submitted,

E. BOLLMAN,
N. A. WHITMAN,
LOUIS DIERKING.

The report was adopted.

Revs. W. Dieffenbach, T. P. Skovgard, M. L. Kunkelman, and J. Zimmerman were excused by Synod.

On motion, the President of South Platte Conference was instructed to write to Revs. B. Sickel and J. W. Kimmel and remind them of their duties to the conference.

On motion, the election of delegates to the General Synod was made a special order for Friday at 3 P. M.

On motion, the following apportionment was made per member: For General Synod, 3 cents; for Ministerial Education, 15 cents; for Nachusa Orphans' Home, 5 cents; for Synodical Mission Fund, 7 cents; for all other purposes same as last year.

Report of Committee on North Platte Conference.

Your Committee on North Platte Conference beg leave to report as follows: The records of the conference are not here, but the Secretary has informed us that at Benedict, Neb., during the session of Synod in 1903, arrangements were made to hold a session of conference in Wolbach, at the dedication of their church in that place. We are told that a very profitable session was held June 21st to 23d. They say there was nothing demanding the attention of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. LIVERS,
J. BENDER,
J. ZIMMERMAN.

Report adopted.

Synod adjourned with prayer.

EVENING SESSION.

An address on "Home Missions" was delivered by Rev. E. Bollman, and an address on "Church Extension" was delivered by Rev. M. L. Kunkelman.

Offering, $5.65.

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY, 9 A. M.

Half-hour devotional service.

Synod opened with prayer.

Minutes of previous session read and approved.

On motion, Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., and Rev. Richard Schmidt, special representative of the Deaconess Board, were recognized in their official capacity and given the privileges of the floor.

It was moved that the representative of the Deaconess Board be heard at 11 o'clock.

It was moved that Dr. Yarger be heard in the interest of Church Extension at 2.15 P. M.

On motion, the Treasurer of Synod was instructed to furnish the Statistical Secretary with the names of brethren not pastors, but who have complied with the Constitution, and that their names and contributions be printed in the parochial table.

Report of Committee to Examine Deed and Papers of Traveling Secretary.

Your committee would report that, so far as possible, we have complied with the instructions of the Executive Council, first, as to the deed. The deed, as far as we can learn, is in the hands of the Board of Church Extension at York, Pa. From the records of the Register of Deeds office of Douglas County, we found that the property is deeded to the Board of Church Extension in trust for the Nebraska Synod, or the Synod in which Omaha is located. This property is to remain thus for twenty-five years; then, if it is deemed advisable to sell and re-locate in some other part of the city of Omaha, power is thus granted to make the change. In case the Synod ever divides on the language question, the property shall belong to the Synod using the English language. In case the Synod divides on geographical lines, the property shall belong to the Synod within whose bounds Omaha is located. No addi-

tional house can be built on the lots unless it shall cost at least $3,500.00. Using the property for anything disreputable will forfeit the same. When the Synod has no further use for the property it shall be sold, and the money received therefor shall be held in trust by said Board of Church Extension and used only for the purpose of church extension in the city of Omaha. The deed is dated June 30th, 1890, and is recorded in Deed Record Book No. 142, page 61. Second, as to other papers, were unable to examine the other books and records of the committee, for they are in the possession of Rev. Luther M. Kuhns, and he was out of the city at the time of our visit. We recommend that the custodian of the papers be instructed to bring or forward said papers and documents to the next meeting of Synod.

Respectfully submitted, LUTHER P. LUDDEN.

Report adopted.

The following committees were appointed by the President:

On Application of New Congregations—Revs. H. A. Wolfe, L. P. Ludden, and N. A. Whitman.

Resolution on Death of Mrs. Kunkelman—Revs. L. Groh, D. D., J. A. Koser, and J. W. Poot.

To Formulate Resolution on Marriage and Divorce—Revs. J. W. Ball, J. S. Leamer, and L. L. Lipe.

Amendment to Constitution, Article XIV., Section 5.

Speakers for the next annual meeting of Synod on three or more of the objects for which the apportionment as made by Synod, to be taken up in order as they appear on Parochial Report blank, or such other objects as in the judgment of Synod may be of sufficient importance. Both principals and alternates shall be appointed.

Adopted.

Mrs. S. S. Riegle, special representative from the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, bore greetings from that body.

On motion, a special committee to prepare a programme for the Sunday afternoon of next meeting of Synod for the discussion of topics pertaining to our Sunday schools and Young People's Societies was to be appointed by the President.

On motion, time and place of next meeting of Synod was considered.

An invitation was extended by Wilber, and the Secretary of

Synod was instructed to cast the ballot of Synod for Wilber as the next place of meeting, to be held the third Wednesday of September, 1905.

Report of Obituary Committee.

We have heard with sadness of the death of Mrs. Magdeline Kunkelman, wife of Rev. M. L. Kunkelman.

Resolved, That Synod hereby expresses its deepest sympathy with him and family.

Resolved, That this be adopted by rising vote, and that someone lead in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

L. GROH,
JOHN W. POOT,
J. A. KOSER.

Report adopted by rising vote, Rev. L. Groh, D. D., leading in prayer.

Moved that Rev. M. F. Troxell, D. D., be heard at this time in the interest of the Board of Education of Midland College and the Western Theological Seminary.

Dr. Troxell was heard with great acceptance and pleasure.

On motion, a vote of thanks was extended to Rev. M. F. Troxell, D. D., President of Midland College, for his admirable and earnest presentation of the interests of the Board of Education and of our institutions at Atchison, and that we hereby pledge these institutions our most hearty support.

The time for special order having arrived, the Rev. Richard Schmidt was heard with much pleasure in behalf of the work of the Deaconess Board.

Synod adjourned with prayer.

FOURTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, 2 P. M.

Synod was opened with prayer.

Minutes read and approved.

Report of Committee on Letters and Papers.

Your committee beg leave to submit the following:

1. A letter from Rev. Charles S. Albert, D. D., stating that bound volumes of the *Augsburg Teacher* may be furnished by the Board of Publication as soon

as the demands of the Church will justify it. Also rejoicing in the large circulation of our new paper, *Lutheran Young People*, 5,300 being used in the General Synod and 4,000 in the General Council; also calling attention to the Primary Course of Study on Bible Stories.

Your committee recommend the following:

Resolved, That the Nebraska Synod rejoices in the excellence of our Lutheran Sunday school literature and recommend its use in all our schools.

2. A communication from Mrs. H. Aughey concerning a proposed gift to this Synod, to be held in trust for benevolent purposes, your committee recommend that Rev. J. W. Ball constitute a committee to confer with Mrs. Aughey, and that any property she may donate to this Synod be deeded to the Trustees of Synod.

3. A communication from Rev. Marion J. Kline, D. D., calling attention to the work of the Board of Foreign Missions, your committee recommend that the letter be read before Synod; and also resolved that this Synod deeply regrets the straitened condition of the finances of the Foreign Mission Board, and that we pledge our earnest efforts to the support of the Foreign Board.

4. A communication regarding a convention of the American Anti-Saloon League, to be held at Columbus, Ohio, November 16th to 18th, 1904, requesting this Lutheran Synod of Nebraska to send delegates to the same. Your committee recommend the following:

Resolved, That the Nebraska Synod strongly endorses the work of the Anti-Saloon League, and that the President of Synod be authorized to appoint delegates to the convention and give them due credentials from this Synod. Further, it is recommended that pastors and congregations of our Synod take part earnestly in the observance of the fourth Sunday in November as the World's Temperance Day.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. LOWE,
H. A. WOLFE,
C. J. RINGER.

Report adopted as a whole.

Time for special order having arrived, Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., was heard in the interest of the Board of Church Extension.

Moved that this Synod memorialize General Synod requesting that the Board of Church Extension be instructed to solicit and provide for a parsonage fund much as they do for the general fund.

Moved that a special committee be appointed to make some disposition of what is known as the Emanuel Lutheran Church of Dixon County.

Committee appointed: Rev. S. M. Lesher, Mr. M. G. Leamer.

Report of Committee on Vacancies.

Your committee would submit the following:

The congregations vacant and now becoming vacant are Yutan, Pawnee, Zion of Pawnee charge, York, and South Sioux City. Your committee would recommend the following: First, that an effort be made to organize a congregation at Wahoo, and that a pastor be secured to serve this and Yutan in conjunction. Second, as the church at Pawnee is being supplied by students of the Seminary at Atchison, we recommend that such arrangements be made that these same young men supply Zion in connection. Third, as to South Sioux City, we understand that they are able to secure some service by the pastor of our church at Sioux City. We recommend, therefore, that such arrangements be consummated and continued until a regular pastor can be secured. Fourth, as to York, we would refer this young and promising mission to the care of the President of Synod and the conference within the bounds of which it is located.

Respectfully submitted, J. A. KOSER,
LUTHER P. LUDDEN.

Report adopted as a whole.

Delegates to General Synod.

PRINCIPALS.

Clerical.	*Lay.*
Rev. J. F. Seibert,	J. H. Miller, M. D.
Rev. E. Bollman,	Leslie J. Allen,
Rev. M. D. Berg,	M. G. Leamer,
Rev. L. Groh, D. D.,	G. A. Crannel,
Rev. J. A. Koser.	S. P. Mikesell.

ALTERNATES.

Clerical.	*Lay.*
Rev. L. P. Ludden,	J. F. Wilhelmy,
Rev. J. S. Leamer,	J. J. Stein,
Rev. M. F. Troxell, D. D.,	A. T. Peters,
Rev. R. A. White,	E. T. Tramp,
Rev. H. A. Wolfe.	F. W. Petring.

Report of Apportionment Committee.

(See Report, pages 40 and 41.)

Report adopted.

Supplementary Treasurer's Report.

(See Report, page 15.)

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Divorce and Re-marriage.

Your committee on the President's recommendation concerning marriage and divorce respectfully submit the following: There are few subjects more vital to the highest interests of the home, the Church, and the State than the right attitude of the Christian minister toward divorce. We recommend that the practice of this Synod be conformed to the resolutions adopted by the General Synod.

Resolved, therefore, that no minister of this Synod shall knowingly remarry any person or persons who have previously been divorced, except that in the case of divorce for adultery the innocent person is entitled to re-marriage when desired.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. BALL,
J. S. LEAMER,
L. L. LIPE.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Ministerial Education.

Your Committee on Ministerial Education submit the following:

The duty intrusted to us has received our attention. Two young men attending school at our institution at Atchison, Kan., Oscar Woods, of the Junior Theological Class, and Frederick White, of the Freshman Class of college, have received full amounts appropriated in their behalf by this Synod, viz., $125.00 each.

Orlando Briggs, for whose benefit as much of $100.00 was appropriated as might be needed, did not request any aid during the year.

It was the privilege and pleasure of the chairman of your committee to visit the institution where these young men are pursuing their studies and have personal interviews with them, and we are happy to say that we were favorably impressed, and believe that the money contributed by our Synod to aid these brethren in preparing themselves for the holy ministry is being well invested.

Oscar Woods, of the Theological Department, gives promise of usefulness in the sacred office.

The reports of Frederick White, of the Collegiate Department, indicate a degree of faithfulness and diligence.

Since the close of the scholastic year Oscar Woods has requested your committee to grant him permission to complete his studies in the Theological Seminary of the General Synod at Gettysburg, Pa. It was our unanimous opinion that your committee as such has no authority in this matter; that it is within the jurisdiction of the Synod alone, and we so informed the brother. We therefore submit his request to this body for action

Your committee would submit the following recommendations:

1. That Frederick White be continued with an appropriation of $125.00.

2. That the Treasurer of our Synod be instructed to pay no more than one-third of the amount appropriated in behalf of our young men each of the three scholastic terms of the Synodical year respectively.

3. That the Treasurer of Synod at the completion of their course to secure from each of our young men who have received aid from this Synod new notes for full amounts appropriated in their behalf until conditions have been fully complied with.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. KOSER,
J. S. LEAMER,
S. M. LESHER,
J. W. BALL,
JOSEPH H. MILLER.

Report adopted as a whole.

On motion, the committee was empowered to extend aid to young men who may apply during the school year.

Synod adjourned with prayer.

EVENING SERVICE.

8 O'CLOCK.

The evening service was held by the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society. Mrs. Kate Boggs Shaffer made an address on "Foreign Missions."

FIFTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 9 A. M.

Devotional services were held.

Synod opened with prayer.

The minutes were read and approved.

Report of Committee on New Congregations.

Your committee report that two new congregations have placed their application for admission to this Synod. These congregations having presented constitutions based upon that of the General Synod and properly signed, we

recommend that these congregations be received into the Synod, and that they present a copy of their Constitution for filing to the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. WOLFE,
LUTHER P. LUDDEN,
N. A. WHITMAN.

Report adopted.

Report of Examining Committee.

Your committee would report the Rev. W. T. Kahse asks to have his license renewed for one year.

Resolved, That this request be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

L. GROH,
W. DIEFFENBACH,
J. W. BALL,
M. L. KUNKELMAN,
L. L. LIPE.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Systematic Beneficence.

Your committee would report that we have distributed 10,000 envelopes during the year at a cost to the Synod of $17.20, and it is gratifying to the committee to note that they were generally used in the congregations with good results. There has been a marked increase in the grace of giving, which is shown by the following figures: In 1903 eighty per cent. of the apportionment was raised, while this year ninety-seven and a half per cent. was raised. Quite a number of our congregations have raised and exceeded their apportionment. We pray that this spirit of giving may grow until every congregation will meet its full apportionment. Your committee recommends a continuance of this systematic effort on the part of the pastors, and that Synod make provision for a sufficient supply of envelopes for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

C. J. RINGER,
J. L. HAMMOND.

Report adopted.

Moved that the matter of providing a supply of beneficence envelopes be referred to the committee on Systematic Beneficence with power to act.

Election of Trustees to Nachusa Orphans' Home.

Rev. M. F. Troxell, D. D., and Rev. L. P. Ludden elected, the Secretary casting the ballot of Synod.

Report of Calendar Committee.

(See Report, page 2.)

Report adopted.

On motion, the letter of Rev. J. B. Kaloria was referred to the President, to be dealt with according to the Constitution.

Bills Allowed.

Bills of expenses of Treasurer, $9.50, and of the Secretary, $23.75, and of Trustee to Midland College, $15.50, and of President, $31.36; of Statistical Secretary, $1.25; of J. F. Sponsellor, Trustee, $7.50.

Report of Committee on Leave of Absence.

Your committee would report that requests for leave of absence have been asked by Revs. E. Bollman, N. A. Whitman, and J. L. Hammond at close of Friday evening's session, and Revs. L. Groh, D. D., M. F. Troxell, D. D., and L. P. Ludden, and Messrs. G. A. Crannel, A. Towner, L. Dierking, and J. H. Miller after Saturday morning's session. Your committee have granted these requests.

Respectfully submitted, J. L. HAMMOND,
J. W. BREITENBACH.

Report adopted.

Synod adjourned with prayer.

SIXTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 2 P. M.

Synod opened with prayer.

Minutes were read and approved,

Report of Committee on Sunday Services.

(See Sunday Services, page 39.)

Report adopted.

Report of Trustees of Midland College.

Your Clerical Trustee to Midland College reports the following:

The Lay Trustee, Mr. W. H. Hogrefe, and I both attended a meeting of the Board of Trustees, in January, 1904, to consider the resignation of Rev. J. A. Clutz, D. D., as President of Midland College, and take steps to secure his successor. His resignation was accepted with appropriate expression of regret and appreciation of his services. Rev. Victor G. A. Tressler, Ph. G., was elected his successor, but subsequently declined the election. At this meeting Rev. J. H. Stough, D. D., was chosen as Acting President of the college, and the class room work of Dr. Clutz was distributed among the remaining members of the

faculty. The regular annual meeting was held in June. The usual work of the Board was done and a successor to Dr. Clutz was elected in the person of Rev. M. F. Troxell, D. D., who entered upon his work almost immediately with energy and great enthusiasm, although he was not able to be on the field until August 1st.

The report showed the college to be in splendid financial condition, although the lack of a permanent head was felt to some extent.

For the encouragement of some it gives me no little pleasure to note that we have a splendid plant at Atchison, conservatively estimated to be worth $80,000.00. Although we were in arrears in June in respect to professors' salaries, am now able to state that the college is now almost entirely out of debt—a unique condition in the experience of denominational colleges in this territory.

Midland's needs at present are, first, the prayers and the unqualified loyal support, both moral, financial, and in patronage, of the pastors and people of all our churches. This means more students and larger giving. Second, Midland needs larger equipment, more buildings, and increased faculty, but these things will come with larger patronage.

The Day of Prayer for Colleges should be more generally observed and more generous contributions on that day should be secured for the endowment and library funds.

The course at Midland College is equal to the best on this territory, and good and efficient work is being done. The institution is worthy of our support in every respect, and this should be most cordially given.

Respectfully submitted, S. M. LESHER.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Excuses.

Your Committee on Excuses submit the following:

The following persons asked by letter to be excused: Revs. A. T. Ludwig, J. H. Link, I. N. Augustine, S. R. Elson, S. L. Aughey, L. M. Kuhns, J. W. Kimmel, D. Z. Foulk, J. F. Kuhlman, J. G. Groenmiller, D. D., W. T. Kahse, H. J. Hapeman, W. F. Eyster, W. G. Gettle, T. P. Skovgard, W. C. Eckhart, and B. Sickel. The following laymen asked to be excused: W. V. Stuff, J. J. Stein, Robert Stambaugh.

We recommend these brethren be excused.

Respectfully submitted, R. A. WHITE,
A. TOWNER.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

Your committee would report:

1. *Resolved*, That we have heard with pleasure and profit Rev. Richard Schmidt concerning the Deaconess work, and that we extend to the Deaconess

Board our hearty thanks for sending us a representative, and pledge to them our most loyal support, and that we do all we can to bring this great work before our people.

2. *Resolved*, That we have heard with pleasure the interesting reports of the Secretaries of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, also of the auspicious opening of Midland College, and that we pledge our support to all these interests of the Church.

3. *Resolved*, That we respectfully overture the General Synod for the printing in subsequent editions of the Book of Worship of the form for confesssion and absolution and such other forms of the Ministerial Acts as provide for the participation of the congregation.

4. *Resolved*, That all parochial reports be made and mailed to the Statistical Secretary not later than ten days before the meeting of Synod.

Furthermore, that the Statistical Secretary be authorized to close his report before the date of the meeting of Synod.

5. *Resolved*, That the Secretary be authorized to have 800 copies of the Minutes of this meeting of Synod printed for distribution.

6. *Resolved*, That the privilege of printing their Minutes with the Minutes of Synod be granted to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of Nebraska.

7. *Resolved*, That we kindly acknowledge the splendid hospitality of Salem Lutheran Church of Ponca, and that we assure them through our President that we appreciate their kindness and wish them God-speed in their work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. LEAMER,
L. GROH,
JOHN W. POOT.

Report adopted.

Report of Committee on State of Religion.

Your committee examined the reports of the various pastors of this Synod and find that the reports are gratifying and encouraging. Prayer meetings are reported in nearly all of our congregations, which afford a great blessing and spiritual strength to all who participate in these services. We regret to note that the attendance is not what it should be, that many members will not avail themselves of the blessings afforded by these meetings.

Baptism.—Our people generally are faithful in the giving of their children to God in holy baptism.

Lord's Supper.—This sacrament is regularly administered by our pastors, and is generally reported large attendance upon the means of grace, which shows a spirit of faithfulness and devotion on the part of our people.

Catechisation.—We note with pleasure the interest taken in this department of church work. As this is one of the strong features of Lutheranism which indoctrinates the young people in the Christian religion, it forebodes good things for our church in the future.

Missionary activity is growing.

Beneficence.—We are glad to report that our people have been growing in the grace of giving of their means unto the Lord.

Growth of Membership.—After the dismissal of one congregation of a hundred members, the Parochial Report shows a net gain of communicants of 275.

We are grateful to the Almighty for what has been accomplished, and pray that God may continue to bless and prosper our beloved Zion.

Respectfully submitted, C. J. RINGER,
M. L. KUNKELMAN.

Report adopted.

Report of Advisory Board of Home Missions.

Your Advisory Board of Home Missions presents the following summary of the work and condition of the missions on the territory:

Beatrice.—Rev. J. A. Lowe has continued here as pastor to the profit of the congregation. Twenty-seven new members have been received. The apportionment has been paid in full. As noted in the President's Report, a new carpet has been purchased for the church. There are no debts to hinder the work. Peace and harmony prevail. Association with Brother Lowe convinces us that he must be developing his people spiritually. The congregation hopes to reduce the appropriation next quarter. It will not be long until Beatrice can be independent of the Board. The pastor's son has entered the Western Theological Seminary to study for the Gospel ministry.

Grand Island.—The work at this place moves on phenomenally. The results are such as to encourage us all, and inspire us to our noblest efforts for God and His Church. The most ardent and hopeful were not prepared for the wonderful response of this field to the prayers and devoted service of our good brother, Rev. William T. Kahse. About 100 members have been received, mostly young men and women, by confirmation. An additional class of twenty will be confirmed and fifteen children baptized this coming Sunday. The apportionment has been raised several times over. The Sunday school has reached nearly 200 in attendance, and the problem now is for more room. Brother Kahse writes there is Lutheran material enough there for a Sunday school of at least 300 children. The attendance at both morning and evening services is very satisfactory. The congregation only asks for $125.00, hardly half of last year's amount, for this year. The President's Report has told of improvements—*e. g.*, cement sidewalk and renovation of parsonage. Mr. John Hershey, a young man of Brother Kahse's first confirmation class, is now at Atchison, preparing for our Lutheran ministry. The congregation has granted Rev. Kahse a year's leave of absence to complete his study at seminary and probably visit his aged mother in Germany, when he will return to be the permanent pastor of St. Paul's Church. Rev. George Bowers, D. D., one of our eloquent fathers in Israel, has been secured to supply during his absence.

Lincoln.—This mission is making substantial progress, and is moving on toward self-support. A reduction of $100.00 has been made in the amount of their application to the Board of Home Missions. Forty-seven members have been received during the year, making a net gain of 25 and a total membership of 193. The last of the floating indebtedness, as noted in the President's Report, having now been paid, it will not be long until this mission becomes self-sustaining. The entire apportionment has been raised and the work generally is in good shape. We rejoice in the progress made, for it is of great importance that we have a strong English Lutheran Church in this capital and university city. Rev. Jesse W. Ball is the successful and laborious pastor.

Omaha, Grace.—Progress has been the watchword at Grace. The church property has been insured for five years at a cost of $140.00. Repairs have cost $100.00, and further repairs to the heating plant, to cost about $150.00, the money for which is about provided, will shortly be made. $71.00 of the $126.00 apportionment have been paid. This is about double the amount contributed last year. The internal has kept pace with the external. The audiences are larger, some good members have been received, and the outlook is quite hopeful. Grace has a fruitful field, and the pastor, Rev. M. L. Melick, is busily engaged in its cultivation. No reduction has been made in the appropriation from the Board.

Sidney.—Rev. J. S. Leamer serves this pastorate with faithfulness and efficiency. He is pre-eminently a missionary for a field like Sidney. The work requires much driving and three sermons a Sunday, but Brother Leamer is equal to the task. The excellent property, church and parsonage, are now almost free of debt, only $50.00 remaining. A further reduction of $10.00 was made in the appropriation from the Board. On Easter Sunday a congregation of twenty-three members was organized near Bronson. For the present this people will worship in the school-house, but in time a good church can be built without great expense. We hope Brother Leamer will see his way to remain in this field for years and develop a self-sustaining charge.

South Sioux City.—Rev. J. W. Breitenbach, after a year's pastorate here, has resigned, to take effect October 1st. The pastor writes: "Removals and non-support are our chief reasons for giving up this work. They can no longer stand alone." This congregation has been faithful; although but few in numbers, much has been accomplished, and the people are to be commended and encouraged to continue the work here.

Wayne.—Rev. C. J. Ringer is fighting the battle at Wayne and is gaining the victory. The growth is not rapid, but it is substantial. There are no backward steps. Again this congregation has cut off another $25.00 in the Home Board's appropriation, and made two payments on the parsonage of $100.00 each. Extensive improvements to the church are contemplated for the current year. Brother Ringer's successful management of the parsonage property is indicative that he will rightly guide the mission in the thorough re-modeling of the church—a work that is needed to put our church on an

equal footing with the other denominations there. Pastor and people are encouraged and press forward in Jehovah's name.

Wilber.—After a vacancy of a year and a half, Rev. Charles H. B. Lewis, of the Senior Class at Wittenberg Seminary, was secured to take charge of this mission upon his graduation in May. The outlook at the time was not promising, yet there were some noble people in the church. To enable us to secure a pastor, the Board of Home Missions decided to make another effort to place the work upon a permanent basis, and contributed $200.00 toward the salary for the first year. From our first correspondence with Brother Lewis we believed he was the man for the place. Our conviction has grown with the passing months. He has grasped the situation, and, under God, we believe will accomplish a good work. The Sunday school is the best attended and the audiences the largest in the town. A number of excellent members have been added. For the first time in years, if not in the history of the work, the apportionment has been met in full. Both church and parsonage will be painted yet this fall, the money for the same having been provided.

Wolbach.—Marked progress has been made in this mission field, so well served by Rev. E. Bollman. The work may now be said to have passed the critical stage and to be on a permanent basis. The fine new church gives us a commanding influence in the entire community. The projected trolley road from Greeley to Ericson, if built, will make the latter point easier of access. In less than two years the Ericson Church has been saved to us and the Wolbach field developed, largely through the perseverance of Rev. Bollman and some few staunch members. The whole district for miles in that territory is largely Lutheran. Already Brother Bollman has been reaching out, and has established several preaching points. At Cushing it is possible that a church may be built and a congregation established. The time may soon come when another man will have to be placed along that line of railway and the work divided.

York.—Rev. J. G. Griffith served as supply continuously from the last meeting of Synod until May 1st. During that time the work was somewhat solidified and a more permanent place for worship secured. A neat building, built years ago by the United Brethren, but used for some time as a schoolhouse, has been secured by lease for $100.00 for a year, with the privilege of five. The Board of Church Extension contributes $60.00 toward the rent. With the furniture bought, and for which the expense was provided on the day of opening, the mission is equipped above the average for the first few years of its history. Rev. George F. Scheese, ordained by the Susquehanna Synod, was secured as permanent pastor, and all were hopeful that the mission would make steady progress; but it seems this church, like many others, must gain strength through struggle, for it is being tried as by fire. Much to our disappointment Rev. Scheese has resigned the work, to take effect November 1st. The effect upon the mission will probably be bad, but we are fortunate to have interested pastors on both sides of York to help us in the time of dis-

couragement. What is needed is a pastor of strong faith and strong will, judicious and patient, and the work will succeed. Western mission work demands men and women of iron will and possessed with the spirit of sacrifice. We have no word of censure for such as cannot endure the test, but we have words of praise for those who stand by the guns in spite of difficulties. The salary at York is the average paid in new fields of like size. The work is not more difficult than in many other new organizations surrounded by strong congregations of other denominations. We hope to secure the man needed without delay, and, with firm faith in God, we confidently look for a successful outcome of our tender planting.

NEW FIELDS CANVASSED.

Your Board at a meeting held during the sessions of the Northern Conference decided to canvass several fields, so as to be able to act intelligently in inaugurating new work. Falls City was canvassed by Revs. Koser and White; Blair by Revs. Lesher and Melick; and Albion by Revs. Ringer and Seibert. Albion has little Lutheran material. Blair also has few Lutherans other than are cared for by the Danish Church. Falls City has some Lutheran constituency, and in time a congregation might be developed. Lexington and Gothenburg were also visited. At the former place we once had an organization, and to-day should have one of the best churches there. A number of Lutherans yet desire our church. At Gothenburg we have some Lutheran constituency with German churches of the Iowa and Nebraska Synods in the country. It is possible, by placing a missionary at Lexington, and working also at Gothenburg, a charge might be developed.

FIFTY DOLLARS FOR WOLBACH MISSION.

Last year Synod voted fifty ($50.00) dollars, yet due Rev. Bollman, to be paid out of the treasury of the Traveling Secretary Committee. This committee, however, felt that money thus voted was contrary to the spirit of the trust committed to their care, and declined a further grant, several members offering to contribute personally toward securing the amount. The officers of Synod ordered the Treasurer to borrow the amount and send it to Rev. Bollman, and attempted to secure the amount by personal subscriptions. About $40.00 have been paid; the balance has been ordered paid out of the Synodical Mission Fund.

1. In order to encourage our mission at York in securing a new pastor, we recommend that we refer the matter of aid to the Advisory Board, with power to act.

2. That your committee may be able to act more intelligently in regard to our interests at Falls City, we would recommend that Rev. W. F. Poot be requested to hold monthly services until it can be definitely determined whether we have a field there; also, that the congregation at Stella be requested to grant permission to Rev. Poot to hold such services.

3. To enable the South Sioux City congregation to meet all obligations to the

present pastor, as well as to encourage them in continuance of the work, we recommend an appropriation of $25.00. We would also recommend that the contemplated arrangements whereby Rev. C. Rollin Sherck supply them with afternoon services for such a sum as they can mutually agree upon be endorsed.

We further recommend that the matter of readjustment of the Dakota County work be taken under consideration, and that a special committee, consisting of Revs. Lipe, Berg, and Lesher, be appointed for this purpose, with power to act.

4. We would recommend that the Advisory Board take Hastings into careful consideration, with a view of inaugurating work there during the coming year.

5. We recommend that Rev. J. A. Lowe be appointed to visit Blue Hill and ascertain what encouragement there is for an English Lutheran Church at that place.

6. We recommend that Rev. L. L. Lipe be commissioned to hold services in Oakland once a month, and that the church at West Point be asked to co-operate in this effort by granting Brother Lipe such time as may be required for the work.

7. We recommend that the President of Synod make arrangements next summer, if practicable, with a student to develop our work in and around Paxton.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. SEIBERT,
S. M. LESHER,
M. D. BERG,
R. A. WHITE,
J. A. LOWE.

Report adopted as a whole.

Report of Committee on Traveling Secretary.

Your committee met at the Drexel Hotel in Omaha, March 19th, 1904. Several of the committee had shortly before visited this Synod's property in the city and found that it was being carefully looked after and kept rented and in good condition, but that a few improvements, such as a brick or stone sidewalk, would probably soon be required. Mr. W. W. Swain, Treasurer of your committee, reports, under date of September 1st, 1904, as follows:

Balance on hand September 1st, 1903		$177 38
Received for rent during the year		165 00
Total		$342 38
DISBURSEMENTS.		
For county taxes (one year)	$13 68	
City taxes (two years)	62 63	
Total disbursements		76 31
Balance on hand		$266 07

Your committee, after due deliberation, are unanimous in the opinion that the property should remain in possession of the Synod for the present and the committee be continued.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. MELICK,
J. F. SEIBERT,
L. GROH,
L. P. LUDDEN.

Report adopted.

Preparatory Services.

Preparatory services were held at 3 o'clock. Sermon was preached by Rev. H. A. Wolfe. Text: Luke xi. 35.

Synod called to order at 4.30.

Report of Committee on Minutes of Last Meeting.

Your committee report, after careful consideration of the minutes of last meeting of Synod, held at Benedict, we find nothing demanding the attention of Synod except what has already received attention.

Respectfully submitted,

W. DIEFFENBACH,
C. J. RINGER,
M. G. LEAMER.

Report adopted.

The President appointed Rev. J. A. Koser as a Special Representative of the Board of Foreign Missions.

In the matter of the Steinauer Church, it was moved that it be not sold until the next meeting of Synod, and that in the meantime an effort be made by the President to relieve the Board of Church Extension of any incidental expenses necessary to preserve the property.

Moved that the students from the seminary supplying Pawnee be requested to supply Steinauer once a month.

Moved that when Synod adjourns that we do so to meet at Wilber, the third Wednesday of September, 1905.

Synod closed with prayer.

EVENING SERVICE.

SATURDAY, 8 O'CLOCK.

Rev. J. W. Ball delivered an excellent address on "Education."

Offering $4.22.

By special announcement of President, Synod convened Sunday evening at 6.50.

Prayer was offered.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we, as a Synod, earnestly protest to the Board of Home Missions against the interference of the Traveling Secretary of the German Nebraska Synod in our work at Wolbach, and ask the Board to co-operate with us in overcoming this interference.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

10 A. M.

Sunday school was addressed by Revs. L. L. Lipe and Charles H. B. Lewis.

Holy Communion—Sermon by Rev. L. M. Melick. Text: John xii. 2.

Christian Endeavor—Addressed by Rev. G. W. Livers and Rev. Robert A. White.

EVENING SERVICE.

8 O'CLOCK.

Sermon by Rev. J. A. Lowe. Text: 1 Cor. xv. 1.

At the Presbyterian Church. Morning sermon by Rev. J. A. Koser. Evening sermon by Rev. L. L. Lipe.

At the Baptist Church. Morning sermon by Rev. C. J. Ringer. Evening sermon by Rev. J. S. Leamer.

The President declared Synod adjourned, to meet on the 20th of September, 1905, in the Lutheran Church at Wilber, Neb.

S. M. LESHER,
Secretary.

Meeting of Executive Council.

On motion, the President was given power of attorney to approve the bond of Treasurer.

Voting aye: Revs. J. A. Lowe, S. M. Lesher, J. F. Seibert.

Adjourned.

Report of Committee on Apportionment.

	Number of Members.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Board of Education.	Ministerial Education.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Pastors' Fund.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	Synodical Mission Fund.	Orphans' Home.	Totals.
Per Member	....	$0 03	$0 09	$0 12	$0 15	$0 28	$0 20	$0 20	$0 07	$0 07	$0 05	$0 07	$0 05	$1 38
Auburn	62	1 86	5 58	7 74	9 30	17 36	12 40	12 40	4 34	4 34	3 10	4 34	3 10	85 56
Beatrice	159	4 77	14 31	19 08	23 85	44 52	31 80	31 80	11 13	11 13	7 95	11 13	7 95	219 42
Benedict, Bethel	37	1 11	3 33	4 44	5 55	10 36	7 40	7 40	2 59	2 59	1 85	2 59	1 85	51 06
Benedict, Zion	90	2 70	8 10	10 80	13 50	25 20	18 00	18 00	6 30	6 30	4 50	6 30	4 50	124 20
Dakota City, Emanuel	40	1 20	3 60	4 80	6 00	11 20	8 00	8 00	2 80	2 80	2 00	2 80	2 00	55 20
Dakota City, Salem	94	2 82	8 46	11 28	14 10	26 32	18 80	18 80	6 58	6 58	4 70	6 58	4 70	129 72
Homer, St. Paul	22	66	1 98	2 64	3 30	6 16	4 40	4 40	1 54	1 54	1 10	1 54	1 10	30 36
Davenport	110	3 30	9 90	13 20	16 50	30 80	22 00	22 00	7 70	7 70	5 50	7 70	5 50	151 80
Davenport, St. Paul	20	60	1 80	2 40	3 00	5 60	4 00	4 00	1 40	1 40	1 00	1 40	1 00	27 60
Grand Island	125	3 75	11 25	15 00	18 75	35 00	25 00	25 00	8 75	8 75	6 25	8 75	6 25	172 50
Hardy	62	1 86	5 58	7 44	9 30	17 36	12 40	12 40	4 34	4 34	3 10	4 34	3 10	85 56
Hardy, Jewell	20	60	1 80	2 40	3 00	5 60	4 00	4 00	1 40	1 40	1 00	1 40	1 00	27 60
Lincoln	193	5 79	17 37	23 16	28 95	54 04	38 60	38 60	13 51	13 51	9 65	13 51	9 65	266 34
McCool Junction	76	2 28	6 84	9 12	11 40	21 28	15 20	15 20	5 32	5 32	3 80	5 32	3 80	104 88
Nebraska City	102	3 06	9 18	12 24	15 30	28 56	20 40	20 40	7 14	7 14	5 10	7 14	5 10	140 76
North Platte	155	4 65	13 95	18 60	23 25	43 40	31 00	31 00	10 85	10 85	7 75	10 85	7 75	213 90
Omaha, Grace	102	3 06	9 18	12 24	15 30	28 53	20 40	20 40	7 14	7 14	5 10	7 14	5 10	140 76
Omaha, Kountze Memorial	250	7 50	22 50	30 00	37 50	70 00	50 00	50 00	17 50	17 50	12 50	17 50	12 50	345 00
Omaha, St. Mark's	80	2 40	7 20	9 60	12 00	22 40	16 00	16 00	5 60	5 60	4 00	5 60	4 00	110 40
Paxton	25	75	2 25	3 00	3 75	7 00	5 00	5 00	1 75	1 75	1 25	1 75	1 25	34 50
Pawnee City	39	1 17	3 51	4 68	5 85	10 92	7 80	7 80	2 73	2 73	1 95	2 73	1 95	53 82

Report of Committee on Apportionment.—*Concluded.*

	Number of Members.	General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Board of Education.	Ministerial Education.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Pastors' Fund.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	Synodical Mission Fund.	Orphans' Home.	Totals.
Per Member	....	$0 03	$0 09	$0 12	$0 15	$0 28	$0 20	$0 20	$0 07	$0 07	$0 05	$0 07	$0 05	$1 38
Ponca	92	2 76	8 28	11 04	13 80	25 76	18 40	18 40	6 44	6 44	4 60	6 44	4 60	126 96
Roca	23	69	2 07	2 76	3 45	6 44	4 60	4 60	1 61	1 61	1 15	1 61	1 15	31 74
Rising City	61	1 83	5 49	7 32	9 15	17 08	12 20	12 20	4 27	4 27	3 05	4 27	3 05	84 18
Surprise	52	1 56	4 68	6 24	7 80	14 56	10 40	10 40	3 64	3 64	2 60	3 64	2 60	71 76
Sidney	56	1 68	5 04	6 72	8 40	15 68	11 20	11 20	3 92	3 92	2 80	3 92	2 80	77 28
Sidney, St. Paul	21	63	1 89	2 52	3 15	5 88	4 20	4 20	1 47	1 47	1 05	1 47	1 05	28 98
South Sioux City	34	1 02	3 06	4 08	5 10	9 52	6 80	6 80	2 38	2 38	1 70	2 38	1 70	46 92
Stella	81	2 43	7 29	9 72	12 15	22 68	16 20	16 20	5 67	5 67	4 05	5 67	4 05	111 78
Tekamah, Emanuel	49	1 47	4 41	5 88	7 35	13 72	9 80	9 80	3 43	3 43	2 45	3 43	2 45	67 62
Tekamah, Grace	46	1 38	4 14	5 52	6 90	12 88	9 20	9 20	3 22	3 22	2 30	3 22	2 30	63 48
Waverly	49	1 47	4 41	5 88	7 35	13 72	9 80	9 80	3 43	3 43	2 45	3 43	2 45	67 62
Wayne	95	2 85	8 55	11 40	14 25	26 60	19 00	19 00	6 65	6 65	4 75	6 65	4 75	131 10
West Point	205	6 15	18 45	24 60	30 75	57 40	41 00	41 00	14 35	14 35	10 25	14 35	10 25	282 90
Wilber	48	1 44	4 32	5 76	7 20	13 44	9 60	9 60	3 36	3 36	2 40	3 36	2 40	66 24
Yutan	19	57	1 71	2 28	2 85	5 32	3 80	3 80	1 33	1 33	95	1 33	95	26 22
Wolbach	40	1 20	3 60	4 80	6 00	11 20	8 00	8 00	2 80	2 80	2 00	2 80	2 00	55 20
Wolbach, Ericson	16	48	1 44	1 92	2 40	4 48	3 20	3 20	1 12	1 12	80	1 12	80	22 08
York	32	96	2 88	3 84	4 80	8 96	6 40	6 40	2 24	2 24	1 60	2 24	1 60	44 16
Total	2882	$86 46	$259 38	$345 84	$432 30	$806 96	$576 40	$576 40	$201 74	$201 74	$144 10	$201 74	$144 10	$3977 16

Respectfully submitted,

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PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA SYNOD.

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Ball, Jesse W., 1310 C St., Lincoln	Grace Ev. Lutheran	1	..	2	1	16	....	5	17	3	8	23	16	..	193	55	248	$10000 00	$4120 00	$1742 82	
Berg, M. D., Ponca	Salem	1	..	3	..	20	....	5	....	7	7	21	3	2	92	20	112	10000 00	230 00	1500 40	
Breitenbach, John W., South Sioux City	Grace	1	..	1	..	....	....	....	6	....	....	....	4	..	34	15	49	2000 00	.....	760 50	
Bollman, E., Wolbach	Trinity	1	..	1	..	14	1	....	2	11	2	4	10	..	40	16	56	3500 00	500 00	3780 00	
	Ericson	1	..	1	..	5	....	....	2	1	....	6	....	..	16	2	18	1000 00	150 00	125 00	
Dieffenbach, W., South Auburn	St. Paul's	1	..	1	..	4	....	3	7	8	2	5	2	..	62	....	62	3000 00	.....	35 00	
Groh, L., 1539 N. Nineteenth St., Omaha	St. Mark's	1	..	2	..	12	4	3	10	13	3	8	2	..	80	25	105	2500 00	.....	1300 00	
Hammond, J. L., Hardy	Union Ev. Luth., Hardy	1	..	1	..	....	2	1	2	....	1	1	....	1	62	....	62	3000 00	.....	600 00	
	Jewel Lutheran	1	..	..	..	....	1	....	3	....	2	....	....	..	20	....	20	2000 00	.....	205 00	
Hummon, John E., Omaha	Kountze Memorial	1	1	2	..	22	1	9	73	8	6	27	11	3	250	140	390	110000 00	.....	4413 77	
Kahse, William Theodore, Grand Island	St. Paul's Evangelical	1	..	2	1	91	2	1	....	21	18	48	1	26	125	....	125	8000 00	450 00	2499 94	
Koser, J. A., Nebraska City	First	1	..	2	..	22	1	6	1	4	6	12	5	..	102	55	157	3000 00	.....	1000 00	
Kunkelman, M. L., Rising City	Rising City	1	..	..	..	22	1	2	....	1	....	10	4	..	61	....	61	6000 00	.....	435 00	
	Surprise	1	..	..	1	8	....	....	....	....	....	....	3	..	52	....	52	2500 00	.....	400 00	
Leamer, J. S., Sidney	Trinity	1	1	1	..	14	2	6	2	7	....	....	....	..	56	40	96	3500 00	50 00	838 65	
	St. Paul's	1	..	..	..	6	....	....	....	....	3	7	9	3	21	....	....	.....	.....	.....	
Lesher, S. Martin, Dakota City	Emmanuel's	1	1	1	..	....	....	5	....	3	....	....	....	2	40	31	71	1650 00	.....	457 37	
	Salem	1	..	1	..	....	1	5	....	9	2	....	2	..	94	43	137	4400 00	.....	693 15	
	St. Paul's	1	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	2	....	....	....	..	22	13	35	1200 00	.....	183 36	
Lewis, Charles H. B., Wilber	First Lutheran	1	1	1	..	....	....	....	....	1	5	....	2	..	48	9	57	4200 00	325 00	343 17	
Lipe, L. L., West Point	Grace	1	..	1	1	25	1	7	8	6	5	11	2	1	205	105	310	8500 00	1900 00	1473 61	
Livers, G. W., Benedict	Bethel	1	..	1	..	....	2	....	....	....	....	1	....	..	37	....	37	1800 00	.....	384 84	
	Zion's	1	..	2	..	....	1	6	3	....	1	....	3	..	90	....	90	3500 00	.....	743 90	
Lowe, J. A., Beatrice	Trinity	1	..	3	1	15	3	6	3	3	3	11	8	5	159	....	159	8000 00	.....	1149 87	
Melick, M. L., 1329 S. Twenty-sixth St., Omaha	Grace	1	..	2	..	16	....	1	....	5	1	10	....	..	102	48	150	12000 00	3600 00	1367 70	
Poot, John W., Davenport	St. Paul's, Carlisle														20	13	33			150 00	
	Christ's, Davenport														110	70	180				
	St. Paul's																				
Ringer, C. J., Wayne																					

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Contributions.		Contributions.			

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1	1	13	130	$102 23	$91 05	35	$45 06	$10 00	$8 40	$17 12	$40 54	$33 60	$33 60	$20 16	$33 60	$40 60	$11 76	$84 86	$11 76	$8 40	...	$273 49	$2016 22
1	1	24	140	142 24	54 54	30	120 11	3 00	6 20	8 85	37 78	29 20	26 00	7 80	13 00	51 75	4 45	10 54	4 45	3 20	$24 30	227 45	1727 38
1	1	9	65	25 00	2 50	25	11 00	25 00	...	1 25	4 60	1 00	5 40	1 00	1 00	...	...	1 75	...	1 80	...	14 55	775 05
1	1	8	50	30 80	2 50	30	6 00	...	...	...	7 08	1 57	3 00	1 00	2 40	...	...	...	...	...	6 00	20 90	3990 90
1	1	5	65	14 00	...	...	...	...	1 00	1 00	3 36	2 40	2 40	1 44	2 40	...	...	...	...	60	...	15 12	140 12
1	1	8	67	21 38	...	29	...	...	1 00	2 00	12 15	3 00	12 32	...	...	...	...	2 72	...	...	...	33 39	68 39
1	1	21	132	140 00	50 00	45	75 00	30 00	4 20	7 56	23 00	16 00	16 00	5 00	12 80	...	1 24	5 00	...	3 00	89 32	171 12	1471 12
1	1	14	130	93 00	25 00	40	14 00	...	3 20	5 76	17 92	12 80	12 80	7 68	...	...	4 45	...	...	3 20	3 20	88 32	688 32
1	1	11	70	30 00	...	30	25 00	...	1 20	2 16	6 72	4 80	4 80	2 82	...	...	1 68	...	...	1 20	31 20	63 12	368 12
1	1	20	300	304 22	96 00	44	69 00	30 00	14 30	25 74	80 08	57 20	57 20	34 32	...	79 00	20 02	...	20 02	14 30	279 33	758 71	5152 46
1	1	22	186	171 37	15 67	49	147 37	5 00	2 85	10 02	30 80	14 87	21 53	8 00	12 00	...	1 24	5 00	5 00	3 01	34 00	133 00	2832 94
1	1	14	120	75 00	18 00	30	88 75	...	4 35	7 83	24 21	17 40	17 40	10 44	17 40	...	4 45	4 35	...	6 09	4 35	125 91	1125 91
1	1	14	68	60 00	...	33	5 00	4 00	2 90	5 80	14 50	10 00	10 00	6 00	10 00	...	1 68	5 00	...	2 90	2 90	74 00	500 00
1	1	6	49	49 00	...	12	5 00	...	2 90	4 35	13 05	9 00	9 00	5 80	9 00	...	1 68	5 00	...	2 90	2 45	72 02	472 02
1	1	13	98	51 46	...	29	3 45	...	2 90	4 35	13 05	9 00	9 00	5 80	9 00	...	1 68	5 00	...	2 90	2 90	72 02	889 31
1	1	6	30	34 11	20 96	30	69 20	14 20	2 15	3 01	12 64	6 60	6 60	4 40	6 60	67 64	3 01	...	3 01	2 15	10 63	153 69	611 06
1	1	14	65	25 36	6 56	106	155 12	15 00	4 75	8 55	26 60	19 00	19 00	11 40	19 00	49 13	6 65	...	6 65	4 75	30 75	396 43	899 58
1	1	10	60	...	...	...	...	...	1 10	1 98	6 16	4 40	4 40	3 14	4 40	...	1 54	...	1 54	1 10	7 10	30 86	214 22
1	1	7	107	34 23	2 69	18	53 61	...	2 05	3 69	11 48	8 20	8 20	4 92	8 20	...	2 87	...	2 87	2 05	2 05	26 86	398 75
1	1	19	231	170 00	19 57	108	78 19	...	10 10	18 15	56 56	40 40	40 40	24 24	40 40	2 40	14 14	...	14 14	10 10	20 10	291 16	1764 77
1	1	12	57	22 00	3 10	57	...	...	1 90	4 905	10 65	7 60	7 60	4 60	7 60	...	2 70	...	2 70	1 90	1 90	54 10	458 44
1	1	14	148	75 45	12 78	36	...	...	4 90	8 82	26 90	19 00	19 00	11 55	19 00	...	6 75	2 45	6 75	4 90	4 90	136 78	1060 19
1	1	17	111	82 67	20 72	49	147 37	5 00	7 30	12 96	40 32	28 80	28 80	17 28	28 80	11 60	10 08	...	10 08	7 30	7 30	210 32	1360 19
1	1	14	150	143 00	19 23	55	85 75	44 40	8 25	...	33 76	10 00	10 00	...	...	...	5 00	3 00	...	4 60	...	84 14	1461 84
1	1	8	35	25 00	10 00	...	...	...	2 00	2 00	4 00	3 00	5 00	2 00	2 00	...	1 00	1 00	...	1 00	...	21 00	171 00
1	1	13	145	49 95	...	...	...	...	...	9 00	15 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	...	...	5 00	2 00	...	5 00	...	75 00	675 00
1	1	9	70	35 90	7 45	15	...	...	2 00	7 80	18 30	8 00	8 00	8 00	11 00	...	...	...	...	...	14 00	66 60	750 50

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Scheese, George F., York		1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	32	..	..	..	..	$363 00	
Seibert, John F., North Platte	First Evangelical	1	1	2	..	20	..	..	14	13	3	22	4	..	155	100	255	$10000 00	..	1409 84	
	Holy Trinity, Paxton	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25	..	25	..	..	125 00	
Whitman, N. A., Tekamah	Immanuel	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	6	..	49	10	59	3500 00	..	353 09	
	Grace	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	46	18	64	2250 00	..	800 00	
Wolfe, H. A., McCool Junction	First	1	..	1	..	6	..	..	6	6	..	5	8	..	76	46	122	3600 00	..	680 00	
Vacant, Stella	Trinity	1	..	1	..	..	3	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	81	..	81	4000 00	..	489 00	
Vacant, Pawnee	First Lutheran	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	5	3	4	4	..	..	39	14	53	1800 00	$225 00	672 79	
Vacant, Yutan	Zion	1	..	1	..	4	..	3	..	..	4	..	..	..	19	1	20	2500 00	..	707 39	
White, R. A., Forty-fifth and Randolph Sts., Lincoln	Trinity, Waverly	1	..	1	..	5	2	..	3	3	1	..	1	..	49	18	67	2000 00	..	335 19	
	Roca	1	..	..	..	3	..	3	..	5	3	..	1	..	23	17	40	1200 00	..	118 59	
Kuhlman, J. F.	No charge.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Eyster, W. F.	No charge.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Kuhns, Luther M.	No charge.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Sickel, B.	No charge.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Gettle, W. G.	No charge.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Hapeman, H. J.	No charge.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Ludden, L. P.	No charge.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Elson, S. R.	No charge.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Groenmiller, J. G.	No charge.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Ludwig, A. T.	No charge.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Aughey, Samuel	No charge.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Augustine, I. N.	No charge.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Kimmel, J. W.	No charge.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Link, J. H.	No charge.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Totals for 1904		39	6	41	5	361	31	81	179	158	92	248	110	49	2882	964	3846	$254600 00	$11750 00	$33105 64	
Totals for 1903		35	10	34	3	260	27	73	147	132	59	158	112	48	2607	664	2730	262750 00	17419 00	29526 10	
Increase		4	..	7	2	101	4	8	32	26	33	90	..	1	275	300	1116	..	..	$3579 54	
Decrease		..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	

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1	1	5	32	21 60	18 00				$1 45	$2 45	$3 75	$1 84	$3 95	$3 00	$3 50						$1 45	$25 39	$886 39
2	1	16	154	85 94	$85 37		$35 00		8 00	16 00	41 62	29 00	29 00	18 80	29 00	$9 50	$11 00	$6 00	$10 00	$7 00	29 20	204 12	1633 96
3	1	16	32			22	6 80		2 35	2 30	1 00	7 86	1 00	1 00	5 00	12 60		6 60		2 35	1 00	7 30	132 30
4	1	10	62	38 10	17 65	22	60 00		2 35	4 23	4 00	7 00	6 46	5 00	3 75	92 00						63 24	416 33
5	1	10	62	38 10	17 65	30			2 35	4 05	5 00	7 00	6 19	2 50	3 75							122 95	922 95
6	1	11	95	38 00	3 00				3 45	6 31	19 32	18 20	5 00	8 24	18 80	24 30	6 02		4 82	8 45	14 95	102 17	782 17
7	1	11	56	38 00	21 00				3 30	7 74	24 68	17 20	17 20	10 32	17 20		2 38		6 02	4 30	10 00	145 58	637 58
8	1	9	49	18 38	2 00		15 00	$1 50	1 70	3 84	9 82	9 82	10 15	4 05	6 80	76 18	2 38	1 56	2 38	1 70	1 70	63 36	726 05
9	1	13	45	36 20	8 43		11 66	5 00	1 80	2 41	14 23	14 56	10 50	6 24	3 80		2 38	6 05	3 64	2 60	6 60	129 14	638 53
10	1	9	50	36 20	27 72				2 60	4 68	6 20	6 66	10 50	6 24	10 40				1 56	1 10	2 10	75 86	411 05
11	1	8	50	46 69	15 36				1 10	2 00	2 00	2 00	4 00	2 60	4 00		1 55				1 00	31 91	150 58
12	1												1 00									10 00	10 00
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PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

LINCOLN, NEB.

MINUTES OF THE

TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society

OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN

SYNOD OF NEBRASKA.

The Twenty-fourth Annual Convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Synod of Nebraska met on Wednesday, September 21st, 1904, at 3 P. M., in the Salem Lutheran Church, Ponca, Neb., Rev. M. D. Berg, Pastor.

Opening service conducted by Mrs. S. S. Riegle, Omaha.

Convention called to order by the President.

A cordial address of welcome was given by Mrs. E. P. Wilson.

Miss Dora C. Young, of Oakland, responded with fitting words.

Hymn 237.

Prayer by Evelyn Wickstrom.

The credentials of delegates were handed in, and the following roll was formed :

Officers.

President—Miss Elizabeth S. Haase.

Recording Secretary—Miss Hope C. Larson.

Treasurer—Mrs. S. S. Riegle.

Delegates.

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Tekamah—Mrs. G. A. Crannel.

Rising City—Miss Charlotte Kunkelman.

West Point—Mrs. Elliott.

Children's Band.

Dakota—Miss E. S. Haase.

Visitors.

Rev. M. D. Berg, Ponca; Rev. J. Zimmerman, Lincoln; Mrs. W. J. Armour, Ponca; Mrs. S. Bittenbender, Ponca; Mrs. H. Scheffel, Ponca; Mrs. S. M. Lesher, Dakota; Rev. John W. Breitenbach, South Sioux City; Rev. John W. Poot, Davenport; Rev. Edwin Bollman, Wolbach, Mrs. Maurice D. Berg, Ponca; Mrs. C. F. G. Bostelman; Rev. J. A. Lowe, Beatrice; Rev. M. L. Melick, Omaha; Rev. Leonard Groh, D. D., Omaha; Rev. J. L. Hammond, Hardy; Rev. G. W. Livers, Benedict; Rev. R. W. Livers, Pawnee; Mr. Joseph H. Miller, Surprise; Mrs. J. A. Koser, Nebraska City; Mrs. K. B. Shaffer, Delaware, Ohio; Rev. J. S. Leamer, Sidney; Mr. M. G. Leamer, Dakota; Mrs. William Auge, Ponca; Rev. J. Alfred Koser, Nebraska City; Rev. L. L. Lipe, West Point; Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., Atchison, Kan.; Rev. L. P. Ludden,

Lincoln; Rev. J. F. Seibert, North Platte; Mrs. John Kloster, South Sioux City; Miss Alta Foreshoe, Dakota; Mrs. A. E. Sides, Dakota; Mrs. J. Drager, Ponca.

Rev. M. D. Berg pronounced the benediction.

SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, 9 A. M.

Devotional services conducted by Mrs. Hummon, Omaha.

Roll was called.

Reading and approval of minutes.

The President then gave her Annual Report.

President's Report.

Dear Sisters and Friends of Our Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society:

Again we meet in convention by the goodness and mercy of God. Again we have assembled in the great cause of Missions. Again we are permitted to meet face to face with those grown dear to us through association in this work and to become acquainted with those who have recently joined our ranks. To one and all I bring you greeting in the name of the Master whom we serve and who said: "If ye abide in me and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you." Have you and I kept the conditions that we may claim the promise? If so, then let us ask great things of God. Here let us join in praise, prayer, and fellowship with voice, heart, and hand for the advancement of Christ's kingdom. We have come to make and hear reports of the past year's work and to plan for the year to come. Our conventions are, as it were, a rallying-point in our work for missions. I hope all have come up filled with the Spirit, ready and willing to make this convention a grand success. Then will we be able to enthuse each other in such a manner that our enthusiasm will extend to each society in the State.

Never before has the conditions of our Woman's Missionary Society been so bright as to-day. We rejoice that this is true. The plans made at the Pittsburg Convention are being proven wise and opportune. Our faithful women are pushing the work on all sides. How fortunate we are that we need not pray for opportunities and open doors. They are ours. It is only our duty to be up and doing to meet the opportunities and enter the doors that have been so widely opened to us. It has been wisely said "that what the

Church most needs at present is a campaign of information, making the *entire membership* realize their individual responsibility to the missionary work of the Church." . . . .

An advance step was taken when the Executive Committee decided to publish "The Bulletin," by which all may have a clear understanding of our work and its needs. Do you read it? It is sent to every Auxiliary President, who should see that each member has an opportunity to read it.

Great interest is being manifested in the Silver Jubilee Anniversary, especially in raising the Jubilee Fund. It is impossible to know how much has been contributed toward it, but reports indicate that, with the continued zeal in presenting the appeal and in making of offerings, there will be no doubt that the $25,000.00 will be on hand by the close of the biennium. . . . . It is to be hoped that 10,000 new members will have been gained by next March 31st. The subscription lists for the *Missionary Journal* and the *Children's Missionary* are not advancing as they should to meet the conditions for the Silver Jubilee. There is reason to believe that the reporting for these periodicals has not been full, but a greater effort must be made to gain the desired number of subscriptions. The *Journal* should be in every home and the *Children's Missionary* in every Sunday school.

The Silver Jubilee Anniversary idea originated with Mrs. A. V. Hamma, by whose death, March 2d, 1904, our General Society suffered a great loss. She was its Treasurer from its beginning. She was a woman of most extraordinary abilities. She well deserved the eulogies that have been written of her. Though a great sufferer in body for many years, her time and thought were almost entirely given to the advancement of our woman's work. I will ever remember her untiring zeal in behalf of the Washington Convention. I rejoice that I was privileged to have known her and to have heard her last public address, when she so fittingly conveyed the greetings of the General Society to the General Synod at Des Moines. Truly our loss is great, but we can still gain inspiration and enthusiasm from her life.

SYNODICAL WORK.

Review. Our Synodical work during the year has been very encouraging in nearly all lines of work. God has been very gracious to us and given results that we can see the benefits of our labors. Our Officers and Department Secretaries have been quite faithful. The reports that will be given will be along the line of advance.

The Thank-offering, the offering that is our special love-offering, which brings with it joy and blessing, was very good.

At the beginning of the Synodical year we had fifteen Woman's Auxiliaries and one Mission Band on the roll. To-day we come with much rejoicing because of the added numbers. Not only have we new organizations, but most of the societies have added new members.

We greatly regret that the Auxiliary reported organized last year at

Nebraska City was not continued. We hope they will make another and better effort to have a Missionary Society.

New Organizations.—December 2d, 1903, a Children's Mission Band was organized at Yutan with fourteen members.

March 13, 1904, a Mission Band was organized with eighteen members at Dakota.

May 6th, 1904, a Woman's Auxiliary was organized at North Platte with twelve members.

In May, 1904, at Waverly, the Y. P. S. C. E. complied with the constitutional requirements that makes them auxiliary to this society.

Also in May a similar organization was perfected at Grace Church, Burt County, with ten members.

July 3d, 1904, a Mission Band was organized at Beatrice with ten active members.

In July, 1904, a Young People's Missionary Society was organized at Davenport with eight active and seven honorary members.

August 2d, 1904, a Woman's Auxiliary was organized at West Point with seven members.

September 11th, 1904, a Children's Mission Band was organized, with fourteen members, at Grace Church, Burt County.

It has given me great pleasure to record nine new organizations in one report. They are all very warmly welcomed, and we trust they may continue to grow and become strong and soon be found among the best societies we have.

Cradle Roll.—Only a few of the societies have undertaken this department of work. Grace Church, Burt County, has the banner roll, with eighteen members. I would that more, yes, all, of the Auxiliaries would start a Cradle Roll—it will be a benefit to your society, implant missionary ideas in the heart and minds of your little ones, and be a feeder for your Mission Band. Why has this branch of our work been neglected? We should have at least seventy-five members on the Cradle Roll reported this year.

Home Department.—This is the one department in which no advance has been made as far as I know. I wrote several times to this Secretary until she became interested and ready to take up the work. Then there was delay in hearing from the Home Department Secretary of the General Society. Afterward the Secretary decided to do nothing, finally resigned, as she expected to leave the State in August. I was unable to get a successor. It is said work in a new department is slow. I regret very much that it has been so in this case, for I firmly believe it will be one of the strongholds of the society in years to come. Seems to me it is just the place for all those that are too busy, sick, or shut-in, and cannot become active members.

Our Literature has been very helpful the past year. An effort was made during the second quarter to increase the subscription list to the *Missionary Journal*. More of our women have taken up the "United Study Course."

One or two Mission Study Classes proved a help for information and interest. I was well pleased at the last convention with the way the literature table was patronized, and hope that all this year will carefully examine and purchase needed literature. We cannot make too good use of our missionary literature. It is through this channel that most of our women will receive their help.

During the year I have written 160 letters in behalf of our mission work. December 7th, 1903, in response to a request of our General President, I sent to each Auxiliary a personal message, with an explanatory letter from the General Executive Committee, asking each member to make a Christmas offering for the North Beach (Cal.) Mission. The offering amounted to $18.76. July 29th, 1904, I wrote a letter to the Auxiliaries, urging them to make another effort to increase their active membership and to establish Home Departments and Cradle Rolls. I also called attention to the Jubilee Offering and to the fund for the State Work. I have heard from about half of the Auxiliaries in answer to these and other letters.

Preview.—After the Thank Offering, for which we have been using our mite boxes all the year, we will be asked for a Christmas offering for Roger's Park, Chicago, and Santa Barbara, Cal. It is supposed we give one-twentieth of the money we spend for Christmas gifts this year to the Lord for these two missions. Pasadena, Cal., is the next regular special object that will then be presented, to be paid in quarter ending March 31st. Only five cents is asked of each individual. At this convention we will elect a delegate to the next Biennium Convention that meets at Springfield, Ohio. Some provision should be made to defray her expenses. Just four years ago this Synodical Society met in convention in this place, and twenty-five years ago at this same place was the Nebraska Synodical Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society organized by the officers of Synod. During this time seven women have stood at the helm and with God's help have guided the work of Nebraska's women in missions, until to-day we stand at the beginning of our silver anniversary year, and rejoice at what has been accomplished. The society flourished until it reached twenty-seven Auxiliaries; then during the hard times the number fell to ten; since it has slowly increased until to-day we have twenty-three societies on the roll. During all these years we have helped to make the world better by our prayers, money, and missionary boxes; we have helped to build churches at home and across the seas; we have helped to plant missionary zeal in our own churches and to instruct our women on missionary topics. We are ready to say with David:

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits."

Will it not be fitting to make a special effort to do a specific work this silver anniversary year? What shall it be? Were our numbers larger I would at once suggest the endowment of a bed in the India Hospital. A number of the Synodical Societies have endowed beds there and others are at

work on the necessary $2,000.00. Even we, with our limited number of members, by self-sacrifice could do it. At least we could make a beginning. Should the members we now have each give 1½ cents a day it could be done. Or, we might put a window in one of our home mission churches. Or, we might pledge ourselves to organize twenty-five new societies within the year. Or, if nothing else, we might educate a girl in India or Africa. Or, we might strive to get twenty-five new life members within the year. I leave these suggestions with the committee and convention, hoping some special work will be decided upon for a special silver anniversary gift.

The United Study Course of Missions has proven a wonderful success. Not only is it used by the Missionary Societies of many different denominations, but by Young People's Societies and literary clubs. "Missions in Japan" is the subject for next year's study. It is given to us in six lessons by the Literature Committee. The *Journal* contains a few thoughts on each chapter, and the *Mission Studies* gives a synopsis of it, but to get much good the book should be studied. The best method is to form Mission Study Classes that meet every two weeks; to study the work as outlined.

I am so often asked: "How can we teach our women about missions?" by those who are not willing to even read the literature provided. I wish all would use the United Study Course and have Mission Study Classes this year. Buy your book early, so as to begin promptly in January. Subscribe for the *Mission Studies* here at convention. Use the opportunities that are presented to us for our instruction and improvement.

Were we able to realize the benefits of Christianity in our land we would be more willing, yes, anxious, to do our utmost to extend the cause of Christ both in our own and in foreign lands. Oh, when will we do what we are pretending to do? True, missions are broadening. Many are learning to know the Christ every year. I heard a minister, who had figured out the problem of evangelization of the world, say: "That if every Christian would win one other person to Christ in a year, and that person, in turn, one the next year, it would only take 33 years for the entire world to have heard the story of Jesus, and the reason the world is not evangelized is because the Christian people are too lazy to obey their Christ." Oh, sisters, think of the possibilities ahead of the faithful Christian. Can we not do more in the future than in the past? Let us be up and doing while it is day. May we make the most of our being together during this convention, getting and giving all we can in order that much may be accomplished for the Master in our Church the coming year.

Respectfully submitted, ELIZABETH S. HAASE.

Accepted and placed in hands of committee.

Report of Corresponding Secretary read by Mrs. Elliott, West Point.

Report of Corresponding Secretary, 1903–1904.

SYNODICAL SOCIETIES. WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.	Quarters Reported.	Organized.	Presidents.	Corresponding Secretaries.	Members. Active.	Honorary.	Life.	Cradle Roll.	Home Department.	Total.	Time of Meetings.	Number of Meetings.	Journals.	Children's Missionary.	Amount Sent to Synodical Treasury.	Value of Contribution to Box.
1. Beatrice	1, 2, 3, 4	1892	Mrs. J. A. Lowe	Mrs. M. A. Mostert	17	5	..	..	..	22	1st Thursday	11	18	40	$21 25	$2 50
2. Benedict	2, 4	1901	Miss Jennie Large	Mrs. John Foster	13	4	..	..	..	17	2d Saturday	1	12	..	..	2 00
3. Dakota	1, 2, 3, 4	1891	Mrs. Charity Hart	Mrs. George Boucher	18	..	2	..	2	25	1st Thursday	12	22	20	55 84	9 30
4. Grace Church, Burt Co.	1, 2, 3, 4	1901	Miss Hope C. Larson	Miss Dora C. Young	19	..	..	18	..	37	1st Thursday	13	10	..	50 55	9 00
5. Lincoln	1, 2, 3, 4	1890	Mrs. J. H. Humpe	Mrs. L. P. Ludden	14	3	..	..	..	17	1st Wednesday	12	11	..	27 10	10 00
6. North Platte	4	1904	Mrs. J. F. Seibert	Mrs. Fred. Frederickson	10	..	..	..	..	10	1st Friday	4	10	..	2 50	7 00
7. Omaha	1, 3, 4	1886	Mrs. O. P. Goodman	Mrs. S. S. Riegle	42	..	2	..	..	42	2d Wednesday	3	11	..	73 30	15 00
8. Pawnee City	1, 2,	1892	Mrs. Peter Benz	Mrs. H. H. Hart	24	..	..	..	..	24	1st Wednesday	5	..	..	5 65	.....
9. Ponca	2, 3, 4	1880	Mrs. M. D. Berg	Miss Viola Martin	31	..	..	..	..	31	..	12	20	..	57 75	10 80
10. Roca	1, 2, 3, 4	1894	Mrs. W. Grime	..	5	1	..	..	..	6	1st Thursday	9	6	..	14 70	1 00
11. Rising City	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12 72
12. Salem Church, Dakota Co.	1, 2, 3, 4	1901	Miss Alta Foreshoe	Mrs. William Armour	16	1	..	..	..	17	1st Friday	10	15	..	23 98	5 00
13. Stella	1, 2,	1884	Mrs. S. A. Montgomery	Mrs. Kittie Wilsey	9	..	..	..	..	9	1st Friday	6	7	..	23 70	.....
14. Tekamah	1, 2, 4	1881	Mrs. M. D. Willert	Mrs. Estella Wood	8	..	..	..	..	8	1st Saturday	6	9	..	17 50	7 00
15. West Point	4	1904	Mrs. L. L. Lipe	Mrs. A. B. C. Heller	7	1	..	..	..	8	1st Wednesday	1	7	..	2 40	.....
16. Yutan	1, 2, 3, 4	1883	Miss Lydia A. Bender	Mrs. F. F. Montfort	6	4	..	3	..	3	1st Wednesday	8	7	30	23 55	1 00
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YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.																
1. Davenport	.....	1904	Mrs. J. Poot	Miss Frieda Poot	8	7	..	..	..	15	.....	2	....	....	.....	.....
2. Grace Church, Burt Co.	4	1904	Mrs. Thomas Larson	Miss Edvina Young	15	..	..	..	..	15	Alternate Sundays	....	....	....	$3 75	.....
3. Waverly	.....	1904	.....	Miss Letty Auchmuty	....	..	..	..	..	....	3d Sunday	....	....	....	.....	.....
Totals	.....	....	.....	.....	23	7	..	..	..	30	.....	....	....	....	$3 75	.....
MISSION BANDS.				SUPERINTENDENTS.												
1. Beatrice	.....	1904	.....	Mrs. Moffort	10	..	..	..	..	10	.....	3	....	....	.....	.....
2. Dakota	.....	1904	Venus Schmied	Miss E. S. Haase	15	..	..	..	..	15	Alternate Sundays	12	....	....	$1 01	$0 70
3. Grace Church, Burt Co.	.....	1904	.....	Miss Evelyn Wickstrom	15	..	..	..	..	15	..	1	....	....	.....	.....
4. Roca	.....	1902	Maggie Hoover	Miss Viola Martin	4	6	..	..	..	10	2d Saturday	9	....	10	.....	.....
5. Yutan	.....	1903	Bernice Peters	Miss L. A. Bender	12	1	..	..	..	13	2d Sunday	8	....	....	4 03	.....
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Corresponding Secretary's Report.

Since last convention we are gratified to have added to our list two "Woman's Societies," three "Young People's Christian Endeavor Missions," and four "Children's Bands."

We are glad to note the promptness of our Auxiliary Secretaries in sending reports. All but two have reported for the last quarter, but quite often there comes a thrill of disappointment to your Synodical Corresponding Secretary when only the blank, partly filled out, comes back without a word of explanation or encouragement to our little note enclosed. But let me urge you again to be more careful in filling out blanks. Some forget to state membership, then I have to go back to some old report for statistics and never know if you are making any progress. Others do not consult Treasurer, and thus report too much or too little money. These are important items and should be carefully reported. The present total membership is 334, an increase of 90 over last year's report. While some report more, others report less. The *Journal* has a small increase over last year's report. I find one Woman's Society without any *Journals* reported; we wonder how they live at all.

May we not hope that next year's report may show still greater increase in every department of our work. Let every Auxiliary officer feel that this increase largely depends upon her individually.

Respectfully submitted, LYDIA A. BENDER.

Accepted and referred to committee.

Treasurer's Report.

(See Report, pages 59 and 60.)

Accepted and referred to Auditing Committee.

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Report of Executive Committee.

To the President and Members of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Nebraska Synod:

During the past year the Executive Committee have held two meetings, the first at the close of the last convention. At this meeting it was decided to give Wednesday's offering to India Mission School.

On motion, the $4.00 remaining were included as Synodical Fee.

Motion prevailed that Miss Haase attend to the purchasing of stationery.

Seven officers were present.

At the second meeting, which was held July 21st, at the home of Mrs. L. P. Ludden, Lincoln, there were but five officers present.

A very interesting as well as profitable session was held. Nearly all of the reports were encouraging, showing a gradual growth in every line.

The organizers reported three new Auxiliaries—Davenport, North Platte, and West Point. We gladly welcome the new workers into our ranks.

The Chairman of the Literature Committee reported a greatly increased subscription list, which means that our women are becoming better informed regarding missionary work and a deeper interest shown.

The Treasurer was unable to give an encouraging report, owing to the fact that very few societies had given to the Synodical Fund. This state of affairs should not be allowed to continue. Let each one do her full duty, carry her share of the burden, then the work will glide smoothly along and our officers will be saved many an anxious hour. It was decided that the President write to all Auxiliaries urging them to pay their apportionment to Jubilee Fund. Also, that Mrs. Riegle write letters requesting Auxiliaries to pay Synodical Fee and pledge for State work, urging also the attendance of delegates to convention.

Three Young People's Societies were reported by Miss Toxword, at Grace Church, Burt Co., Davenport, and Waverly.

The greater part of the time was occupied in arranging the programme for the Twenty-fourth Annual Convention, to be held September 21st to 23d in the Lutheran Church, Ponca, Neb. It goes without saying we were royally entertained by our good sister and all greatly enjoyed her hospitality. The pleasant day spent in her home shall ne'er be forgotten.

Respectfully submitted, HOPE C. LARSON.

Accepted and referred to committee.

Historian's Report read by Mrs. J. Liddell, Omaha.

Report of Historian.

As stated in previous reports your Synodical Historian's duties are in some respects a monotonous routine of work. It means to put on file daily, weekly, monthly, and yearly everything published by the society, or anything printed referring to our work, or clippings and a collection of miscellanous matter.

In the year just closed there have been added to the collection the minutes of our last convention a complete set of the *Missionary Journal*, *Mission Studies*, *The Children's Missionary*, the Monthly Tracts, one map of India, the Luther League Calendar, 1903, picture of the Officers and Delegates at the Yutan, Nebraska, Convention, and the Thirty-first Report of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Only one death is reported. She was an honorary member of Beatrice Society, Mother Walker, whose unassuming faithfulness to the Master's work has left an impression and influence for good in the lives of those remaining. We are reminded that we too shall soon follow. This should stimulate us to increased devotion and activity, so that when our departure is recorded by the Historian of the future it may be said of us, as the Master said of one of old, "She hath done what she could."

Two societies study "Rex Christus."

Four new Mission Bands were organized.

Two Cradle Rolls have been added.

Miss Haase was made a life member at last year's convention by the delegates and friends.

One society has assumed the support of a girl in the India School.

In conclusion, I would ask your united prayers to the Saviour for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit as at Pentecost, so that the hearts of many may be ready to receive the word as we unfold its truth in the beauty of holiness, purity, meekness, and godliness, and though separated we shall be doing God's will.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. M. A. MOSTERT.

Accepted and referred to committee.

Report of Chairman of Literature Committee was read by Mrs. J. W. Ball, Lincoln.

Report of Committee on Literature.

Your Committee on Literature would report that a review of the work of the year, closing with this convention, shows that we have sent tracts to the following societies each month: Beatrice, Dakota, Dakota (Salem), Lincoln, Oakland, Grace, Omaha, Ponca, Roca, Stella, Tekamah, and Yutan.

The custom of other years has been continued of sending occasionally free tracts to all our congregations. We were enabled to carry out this part of the work again, because of the donations made us by the General Literature Committee, the donation of the Rev. M. V. Hamma, D. D., and partially by our own purchases.

The work of your committee shows a slight advance this year. We could make a still better showing if all our societies would become regular subscribers for the tracts. A united effort of every member and each Auxiliary would greatly help in the spreading of general missionary literature. Are we asking too much for such a union of our forces? Will not every society represented in this convention see to it that their society is duly enrolled as regular subscribers, and thus help the new Literature Committee in their work next year?

The very prompt manner in which our enrolled societies have paid the fifty cent dues enables us to report to this convention all bills paid to date and a small balance on hand.

The financial exhibit is as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand last year	$1 93
Tracts sold at Convention	2 39
Dakota, for Tracts	50
Omaha, for Tracts	50
Lincoln, Grace, for Tracts	50
Stella, for Tracts	50
Salem, 1902 and 1903, for Tracts	1 00

Yutan, for Tracts	$0 50	
Ponca, 1901, 1902, and 1903	1 50	
Beatrice, 1903 and 1904	1 00	
Roca	50	
Oakland	50	
Tekamah	50	
Total		$11 82

DISBURSEMENTS.

For expressage on Tracts	$0 80	
To Miss Dosh, for Tracts	6 04	
To Miss Protzman, for Tracts	2 05	
Money order and postage	2 28	
Balance on hand	65	
Total		$11 82

Thanking you all for the many kindnesses shown during the year this report is most respectfully submitted,

MRS. L. P. LUDDEN.

Received and referred to committee.

Report of State Organizer was read by Miss Charlotte Kunkelman, Rising City.

Report of State Organizer.

A year ago I was elected, under protest, your State Organizer. Situated as I am, it was impossible for me to visit the congregations, as I think the Organizer should, and, learning from your former Organizer how hard it was to get any replies to letters, it was with much reluctance that I ventured to even write to some. During the early part of the year several letters were written and favorable replies received.

On May 6th an organization was perfected at North Platte, also at West Point on August 4th an organization was perfected. These societies are both very promising.

McCool, Davenport, and Hardy people all wrote favorably, but as yet nothing definite has been done.

A letter of greeting and pleading for our woman's cause was sent to the South Platte Conference at Hardy. The brethren received it kindly and expressed through their Secretary interest and co-operation in every way possible.

One June 7th twelve congregations without societies were written to, but five replied. Why the indifference? A few of the pastors I have talked to seem to think it unnecessary to be written to so often concerning this matter. I presume each one knows their field of work best, and perhaps there are other reasons known to them best not disclosed. So we wait and pray God's own good time. But the "harvest truly is ripe, and where are the reapers?"

Respectfully submitted, LYDIA A. BENDER.

Received and referred to committee.

Treasurer's Report of the W. H. and F. M. Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska, 1903-1904.

	General Fund.	Synodical Fee.	Thank-Offering.	State Organizer.	Jubilee Fund.	Rensselaer.	Redlands.	North Beach.	Columbus.	Girls' School, India.	Girls' School, Africa.	Total.
Beatrice	$11 70	$1 50	$4 05	$0 90	$1 40	.....	$0 20	$0 50	$1 00	.....	.....	$21 25
Dakota	22 00	3 30	11 39	2 25	12 50	.....	.....	2 25	2 15	.....	.....	55 84
Dakota Mission Band	1 01	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 01
Grace Church, Burt Co.	16 75	1 80	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	$25 00	.....	50 55
Grace Church, Young People	3 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 75
Lincoln	17 00	1 90	6 55	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 65	.....	.....	.....	27 10
North Platte	1 50	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50
Omaha	20 80	5 90	10 00	3 90	20 00	.....	.....	4 00	3 90	.....	$5 00	73 50
Pawnee City	2 65	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	5 65
Ponca	38 15	3 00	12 00	3 00	.....	.....	.....	1 60	.....	.....	.....	57 75
Salem Church, Dakota	12 93	2 00	7 95	.....	.....	$1 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23 98
Stella	4 05	1 00	13 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	3 65	.....	23 70
Tekamah	6 50	1 00	6 00	1 00	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17 50
West Point	2 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 40
Yutan	11 90	2 05	7 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	50	.....	.....	23 55
Yutan Mission Band	3 77	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26	.....	4 03
Roca	9 65	1 00	4 05	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14 70
Total	$186 51	$26 45	$82 59	$16 05	$36 90	$1 10	$0 20	$15 50	$7 55	$28 91	$7 00	$408 76

Treasurer's Report.—*Concluded.*

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last report	$54 99	
Collections at Convention	28 09	
Receipts from Societies	408 76	
		$491 84

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Mrs. M. A. Mostert	$13 50	
Paid Miss Haase	15 90	
Paid Mrs. Riegle	3 50	
Paid Mrs. Snyder	2 50	
Paid Miss Sanford	6 75	
Paid Miss Bender	2 07	
Paid Mrs. Wood	1 15	
Paid Mrs. Lesher	8 00	
Paid Miss Larson	6 10	
General Treasurer	353 51	
		412 98
Balance		$78 86

SUPPLEMENT.

Report of moneys received from September 20th to September 23d, 1904:

Rising City	$3 20
Benedict	4 00
Yutan	5 35
Hardy	15 00
Auburn	2 18
Mrs. Kimmel	1 00
Total	$30 73

Respectfully submitted, MRS. S. S. RIEGLE.

Letters of greeting from General Treasurer, Mrs. E. D. Miller, Rev. M. F. Rinker, and Miss S. E. Stoever were read.

A letter of greeting was also received from Mrs. J. W. Kimmel, Lincoln, a former President of Nebraska Synodical Society, who had expected to be present, but was prevented. She sent one dollar to pay membership fee in Synodical Society.

List of Committees.

1. *President's and Corresponding Secretary's Reports*—Mrs. S. S. Riegle, Miss Dora C. Young.

2. *Secretary's and Standing Committee's Reports*—Mrs. S. M. Lesher, Mrs. Liddell.

3. *Treasurer's Report*—Mrs. J. W. Ball, Mrs. E. J. Berry.

4. *Letters and Papers*—Mrs. Elliott, Miss Leah Troutman.

5. *Resolutions*—Mrs. Hummon, Miss Evelyn Wickstrom.

6. *Last Year's Minutes*—Mrs. G. A. Crannel, Mrs. J. N. Hamilton.

7. *Box Packing*—Mrs. J. D. Kautz, Mrs. Elliott.

8. *Reporters to the City Papers—Leader*, Mrs. J. F. Mikesell; *Journal*, Miss Evelyn Wickstrom.

9. *Reporter to Observer*—Mrs. William Armour.

10. *Reporter to Evangelist*—Miss Charlotte Kunkelman.

11. *Reporter to Lutheran World*—Mrs. J. F. Seibert.

12. *Reporter to Missionary Journal*—Miss Hope C. Larson.

A number of members of Synod being present, the President of Synod, on invitation of Miss Haase, shortly addressed the convention, introducing Rev. J. A. Lowe, of Beatrice, who represented Synod, and presented greetings from that body. Through him Synod extended a cordial invitation to the convention to meet with them at next morning's devotional service, 8.30.

Miss Haase responded, thanking them in behalf of the convention for help which they have given us and the interest they are taking in our work. Stating also that the invitation would be considered later.

Song 172.

Adjourned, with prayer by Rev. George W. Livers, Benedict.

THIRD SESSION.

THURSDAY, 2 P. M.

The session opened with "Gospel Service" on "Consecration."

Roll was called.

Reading and adoption of minutes.

A letter of greeting from Mrs. E. Wood was read.

The reports of delegates were unusually interesting and encouraging. Two new Auxiliaries were reported—North Platte and West Point; three Young People's Societies, four Children's Mission Bands, and three Cradle Rolls.

A letter from Mrs. A. B. C. Heller, of the West Point Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Societies, was read.

Mrs. William Auge, Ponca, sang a beautiful solo.

A most interesting as well as instructive letter from Miss Amelie Anna Klein, missionary from Africa, was read by Mrs. S. M. Lesher. The pathetic pleading for poor Africa touched every heart.

Song, "From Greenland's icy mountains."

Offering, $2.83.

Discussion, "What Can Christian Women Do in Our Churches?" was opened by Mrs. Hummon, Omaha. The discussion proved very interesting. Many excellent thoughts were presented.

An extraordinarily interesting paper on "Children and Missions," written by Mrs. Charles H. Lewis, Wilber, was read by Miss Dora C. Young. Mrs. Lewis' absence was greatly regretted, but her paper was highly appreciated by all.

A delightful Children's Hour was conducted by Mrs. J. D. Kautz. Mrs. Riegle gave the children a very interesting talk.

On motion, the invitation to meet with Synod for devotional service was accepted.

Motion prevailed to send delegate to bear greetings to Synod.

Mrs. S. S. Riegle was elected delegate to Synod.

Closed with prayer by Mrs. G. A. Crannel, Tekamah.

FOURTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, 9 A. M.

Morning session opened with prayer by Mrs. J. F. Seibert, North Platte.

Roll call.

Reading and approval of minutes.

Report of Committee on Treasurer's Report.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to submit the following report: The Treasurer's books have been carefully examined, a few minor errors were found and corrected, and we recommend that the report be adopted.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. J. W. BALL.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Last Year's Minutes.

Your Committee on Last Year's Minutes having examined the same find nothing demanding the attention of the convention.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. G. A. CRANNEL,
MRS. J. N. HAMILTON.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Letters and Papers.

To the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society:

We, the Committee on Letters and Papers, beg leave to submit the following report:

A kind letter was received from Mrs. E. D. Miller, who requested us to sing, "Blest be the tie that binds."

Mrs. A. B. C. Heller, of West Point, sent greetings.

Rev. M. F. Rinker, of Salida, Col., sent greetings to old friends in the work, and requested us to read John xvii. 21.

Miss S. E. Stoever, Secretary of the Mission Band Department of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod, sent greetings. She asks three things of this convention:

1. That we set apart a special time for the presentation of the Mission Band work, discussing methods and aiming to secure organization of the children in every congregation connected with the Nebraska Synod.

2. That the Band Secretary visit the churches when possible and interest the children in missionary work.

3. That immediately after this convention a report be made to her of the membership of bands belonging to the Synodical Society, and the increase since May, 1903.

The letter from Amelie Anna Klein, a returned missionary from Africa, was read by Mrs. Lesher in a pleasing manner. The letter proved instructive and interesting. She told of her life there among twenty-eight native girls in her charge. She stated "there are four new stations in the interior, but not a girls' school." She asks the American people to contribute liberally of their millions to help in the work, also our prayers for Africa. She asks God's blessing upon our convention.

A paper written by Mrs. Charles H. Lewis, of Wilber, on "Children and Missions," was read by Miss Dora C. Young, of Oakland. The paper brought

out the fact that children need teaching on mission subjects. If this is not done in the home they should be organized into Mission Bands and missionary entertainments given. Missionary libraries may be used for the same purpose. It was suggested also that the Mission Band and the Junior Endeavor could be united profitably. The interest aroused will encourage liberal giving.

The paper was full of helpful suggestions and proved very interesting.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. J. C. ELLIOTT,
MISS L. M. TROUTMAN.

Adopted.

Report of Secretary of Mission Band Department.

I have written letters urging the organization of a Mission Band to the following places: Beatrice, Dakota, Ponca, Salem Church, Dakota County; Pawnee City, Tekamah, Grace Church, Burt County; Yutan, Nebraska City, and Omaha. From but two of these have I received any answer at all, Dakota and Yutan. Through the kindness of Mr. Rinker I received names of women interested in the work at Davenport and Hardy. I wrote these ladies and received very kind answers. Davenport had organized a Young People's Missionary Society and Hardy may yet have a band, as they used to have one.

I received a letter from Miss Toxword, of Grace Church, Burt County, asking for help in organizing Mission Bands. In all probability Grace Church will have a Mission Band before convention, making four in all.

I feel this is not as much accomplished as might have been had I been more devoted. Yet is is very hopeful.

Respectfully submitted, MATIE MARTIN.

Adopted.

Report of Secretary of Thank-offering Department.

Your Secretary of Thank-offering would report that she wrote to all the societies twice this year. Received a few letters in time to report to Mrs. Bond in March.

Received more before the June report was sent in, in answer to the letter sent the first week in March. Sent out letters again the last week in August requesting answers before September 11th. All societies reporting to the March letter had mite boxes, and expressed the belief that they would be used as intended.

The report from one society, which I received since sending the August letters, is very encouraging. The boxes were considered a great help in increasing the thank-offering.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. SOPHIA A. MONTGOMERY.

Adopted.

Motion passed to discuss the subject of Mission Band work at the time of unfinished business.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

Your Committee on Resolutions beg leave to submit the following report:

It is with grateful hearts that we note the advancement made during the past year in the great work of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

We have much, indeed, in which to rejoice at present; but let us not be satisfied with the position and height attained, and, in the name of the Triune God, go forward with true Christian zeal and courage; therefore

Resolved, That we express our appreciation to the Synod in granting to Miss Brewer, our missionary from India, the evening of September 23d to present our foreign work.

We regret, however, the necessitated absence of Miss Brewer, but rejoice in the presence of Mrs. Kate Boggs Shaffer, of Delaware, Ohio, a representative of the General Society.

Resolved, That we thank the officers of our convention for their untiring and efficient labors during the past year, and for the able manner with which they have planned and carried forward the work.

Resolved, That we rejoice in the new organizations that have been born within the bounds of Nebraska Synod during the past year, and that we express our hearty appreciation to the pastors for their support and co-operation in this great work.

Resolved, That we extend our hearty thanks to those who have contributed to the programme of this convention and for the good which we have received thereby.

Resolved, That we deeply regret the necessitated absence of some of the officers of the society in this convention.

Resolved, That our gratitude is due those who so beautifully decorated the room of the church in which our convention is held.

Resolved, That our sincere gratitude is extended to the pastor, members, and friends of the Lutheran Church of Ponca for the very cordial welcome given us to their city, homes, and church, and for the beautiful hospitality which they have manifested.

Respectfully submitted, JESSIE HUMMON,
EVELYN WICKSTROM.

Report accepted.

Motion passed that resolutions be read at the evening service.

Song 113.

Tract, "How to Start a Mission Band," read by Secretary,

followed with discussion of Mission Band. Many good suggestions were offered.

Election of Officers.

President—Miss Elizabeth S. Haase.

Vice-President—Mrs. J. D. Kautz.

Recording Secretary—Miss Hope C. Larson.

Treasurer—Mrs. S. S. Riegle.

Corresponding Secretary—Miss Lydia A. Bender.

Motion prevailed to have an Organizer for the coming year.

On motion, it was left in the hands of the President to appoint Organizer.

The Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the convention for Mrs. Haase as Delegate to the General Convention.

Miss Lydia A. Bender was elected Alternate Delegate.

Greetings and congratulations from the Home Mission Board were presented by Rev. L. P. Ludden, Field Secretary, Western Division, who spoke very encouragingly to the convention.

The President responded.

Rev. H. L. Yarger, D. D., Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, also addressed the convention, presenting greetings from the Board, and spoke words of cheer and encouragement.

Miss Haase responded heartily.

The solo by Rev. Poot, of Davenport, was very much enjoyed.

Report of Committee on President's and Corresponding Secretary's Reports.

We find the Corresponding Secretary's Report correct. We would emphasize that the Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer of Auxiliaries consult each other before sending out their reports. We are pleased to note the increase of membership.

We find the President's Report so full of interest, encouragement, and expressed in such a beautiful manner that it appeals to us all.

We recommend that it be printed in the minutes in full. As the President has said, our Silver Jubilee year should not be forgotten in its different divisions.

The President's Report of Synodical Work is very encouraging, and "Onward" should be our watchword.

We recommend that we comply with the request to give a Christmas offering to Roger's Park, Chicago, and Santa Barbara, Cal. Five cents is asked of

each member for Pasadena. We recommend that this request be complied with.

We recommend that provisions be made to defray $25.00 of our delegate's expenses to the next Biennial Convention.

We favorably note the suggestion regarding the use of United Study Course, and thus strengthen ourselves in the missionary cause.

We note that this is the 25th year of our Nebraska Synodical Society, and would recommend that we celebrate our Silver Anniversary by making a special offering for it.

We would recommend that each society give a silver offering to be used in forming new societies in Nebraska.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. S. S. RIEGLE,
MISS DORA C. YOUNG.

Report adopted item by item.

Motion passed that we accept invitation to place of next meeting, as given by Mrs. Ball.

Session closed with Lord's Prayer.

FIFTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, 2 P. M.

Gospel service on "Missions" was rendered.

Hymn.

Roll call.

Minutes read and approved.

Mrs. K. B. Shaffer, Secretary of General Executive Committee, being present, was received with the Chautauqua salute. She gave greeting from the General Society and the Executive Committee and addressed us on the work.

Report of Committee on Secretary's and Standing Committees' Reports.

Your Committee on Standing Committees' Reports finds little that calls for special attention. In the Executive Committee's Report we note the Synodical fee is in arrears, and urge the societies to give consideration to this fund. We recommend the adoption of this report.

The Historian's Report shows that historical matter has been carefully filed. We recommend the adoption of this report.

The Literature Committee's Report indicates progress and asks that each society subscribe for the tracts. We recommend the adoption of this report.

The Organizer reports five new societies and shows encouraging results of efforts along this line. We recommend the adoption of this report.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. S. M. LESHER,
MRS. JAMES LIDDELL.

Report adopted as a whole.

Mrs. S. S. Riegle reported from Synod.

Solo, by Mrs. J. W. Ball, Lincoln.

The Question Box, conducted by Mrs. S. M. Lesher, proved to be a source of pleasure as well as information.

Mrs. Shaffer gave a splendid talk on Mission Study Classes.

Mrs. J. D. Kautz conducted the box-packing session, during which Mrs. Elliott, of West Point, spoke of the work of giving—the blessedness of giving—and Mesdames Seibert and Berg spoke of the joy of receiving a box.

As the roll was called the delegates presented their offerings, repeating a verse of Scripture.

"Blest be the tie that binds" was sung.

Prayer by Mrs. S. M. Lesher.

Unfinished Business.

An appeal for the Jubilee Fund was made by Mrs. Shaffer. It is hoped that Nebraska women will make a special effort to raise their full apportionment.

Treasurer read supplement to report. (See page 60.)

Report of Box-packing Committee.

The box was packed this year for our Home Missionary at Oconomowoc, Wis., Rev. Max Pinkert, and family. The contribution of articles and cash came from generous hearts. They were given by societies and individuals as follows:

Beatrice	$2 50
Benedict	2 00
Dakota	9 30
Dakota Mission Band	70
Grace Church, Burt County	9 00
Lincoln	10 00
North Platte	7 00
Omaha	15 00
Ponca	10 80
Rising City	12 72
Roca	1 00

Salem Church, Dakota County	$5 00
Tekamah	7 00
Yutan	1 00
Rev. E. Bollman and wife	2 00
Value of articles $60 67 Value of cash 34 35	$95 02

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. ESTELLA WOOD,
MRS. ELLIOTT,
MRS. J. D. KAUTZ.

All bills presented were ordered paid.

Closed with prayer by Miss Alta Foreshoe.

SIXTH SESSION.

FRIDAY EVENING.

Evening session opened with anthem by the choir.

Opening service conducted by Rev. George W. Livers, Benedict.

Isa. lii. 1-13 was read by Miss Hope C. Larson, Oakland.

Prayer, Rev. J. A. Koser, Nebraska City.

Duet by Mesdames Munsen and Auge, Ponca.

Address by Mrs. Shaffer on Missions was greatly enjoyed.

Hymn 347.

Offering, $7.25.

Farewell service was conducted by Miss Alta Foreshoe.

Benediction by pastor, Rev. M. D. Berg.

The President then declared the Twenty-fourth Annual Convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Synod of Nebraska adjourned.

HOPE C. LARSON,
Recording Secretary.

FORM OF BEQUEST AND DEVISE.

I give and bequeath to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, its successors and assigns, the sum of dollars, and request my executor or administrator to pay to said corporation said amount at the settlement of my estate.

I hereby give and devise to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, its successors and assigns, the following described real estate:

, to have and to hold the same with appurtenances thereto.

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